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Royal chaplain challenges monarchy

Political Editor

ONE of the Queen's chaplains believes it is time to consider the possibility of a republic, with the election of the monarchy.

the Independent today, says: "In England, until 1213, the monarch was elected. Maybe the time is returning for election to the task and role."

the House of Lords without vestigative frenzy of the media monarch." The canon, who is excessive deference to royalty considering the implications of on his making of friends, woothat policy for the monarchy.

"The problem of hereditary monarchy is obvious and simple. The monarch now may be above reproach but you can nev-Canon Eric James, writing in er tell what you are going to get. And there's not a lot to be said for such a lottery. The question needs to be posed again, in our own time, whether the mere accident of birth can ever now be In his article, based on a expected to produce a man or woman fit for the role that rov-Abbey last night, he says it was alty requires: with, from birth, illogical and naive for the Gov- the fierce glare of publicity on

ing, and so on.

private person and the public role ... makes all but impossible demands." He was careful to avoid criticism of the Oueen herself. "As an Extra Chaplain to Her Majesty I would want to pay tribute to the devotion with which I believe the Oneen has served the country as monarch. Nor do I believe now is the time for an immediate change in our mode of Government. But it is surely time for a profound reflection upon and reconsidera-

73, said public discussion was needed, and for properly in-The relation between the formed debate to take place, others - including the "strange ly silent" church - would need

to give a lead.

As for the courtiers, he appeared to doubt whether they could make much of a contribution, saying that part of the problem of royalty was the court: "The cult and class that of course, the monarch is, in part, to blame. Security is the breeding-ground of toadying

which defeats its object."

Canon James told the Independent there was no question of him suggesting a republic but then added the word "immediately". But his challenge on the implicit contradiction of government policy towards the House of Lords has also attracted the attention of William Hague, the Conservative leader. Canon James said: "The

Government has raised the question of hereditary peers. There is surely a certain illogicality - even naivety - in thinkprinciple, the question of hered-

think you can leave entirely undisturbed the question of the hereditary monarchy."

Mr Hague said in February that the exclusion of hereditary peers from the Lords was potentially the most damaging constitutional change being proposed by the Government. Mr Blair's justification is his dislike of the hereditary principle," Mr Hague said, "although he sees no contradiction in also parading himself as the protector of the monarchy."

Canon James also suggested greater use of abdication,

their future - or abdicate it."

Canon James recently "outed" Enoch Powell as an alleged youthful homosexual and last provocative reflections on Diana. Princess of Wales. Having said she had served as an "icon" of compassion, he added: "There were other icons There was the icon of her crucifixion in a Mercedes, after a journey at ... break-neck speed, along the Via Dolorosa of a motorway and underpass from the Paris Ritz Hotel."

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Mothers win the right to refuse **Caesareans**

By lan Burrel Home Affairs Correspondent

IN A landmark ruling at the Court ried out in the last two years. of Appeal yesterday, judges declared pital, a health care trust and a social rejected an induced delivery. worker who organised her detention under the Mental Health Act.

Lord Justice Judge said: "She is entitled not to be forced to submit to an invasion of her body against her will, whether her own life or that of her unborn child depends on it."

The 30-year-old woman, identifiable only as Ms S, was detained by a social worker under the Mental Health Act after her GP warned she was refusing treatment for severe preeclampsia - a condition which threatened her life and that of her unborn baby, now a healthy two-year-old.



Ms S: had an 'extreme objection to any medical intervention'

The appeal judges ruled that an inborn child's need for medical aid loes not prevail over the right of its nother to refuse treatment. They ound a High Court judge had actd wrongly in granting an injunction llowing the hospital to operate on he woman without her consent.

After yesterday's ruling, Richard tein, the ;woman's solicitor, said: The position is now clear for all medal professionals and social workers the future that women patients can cide what they want in relation to satment over their births."

Ann Funedi, director of the Birth ontrol Trust, said: "Pregnant men are not walking wombs but lividuals who have the same right anybody else to refuse medical itment and reject doctors' advice. Usually a pregnant woman and octors want the same outcome t whele a conflict arises the n's de cision must prevail. It is ly and I her autonomy at stake."

The charity MIND welcomed the ruling and said it knew of at least five operations that had been forcibly car-

Ms S was a single woman who wa forcing a veterinary nurse to have her register with a NHS practice in south baby by Caesarean section. The London in April 1996. Told by docwoman won the right to sue the hos- tors that she had pre-eclampsia, she

> The judge said: "She fully understood the potential risks but rejected the advice. She wanted her baby to be born naturally." The court heard that Ms S wanted to go to Wales to have her baby in a barn.

Social worker Louize Collins wrote at the time that Ms S "acknowledged that she is probably depressed, she has had many difficulties of late with relationships, housing, changing jobs and indeed being pregnant with a child that she says she

Ms Collins successfully applied for an order under Section 2 of the Mental Health Act after Ms S adamantly refused to accept the advice of doctors. The social worker also wrote that Ms S had recorded in writing her "extreme objection to any medical or surgical intervention".

After Ms S had been transferred to St George's Hospital, south London, an application was made to the High Court to dispense with her consent to treatment. The judge who granted the injunction, Mrs Justice Hogg, was told wrongly that Ms S was

Although Ms S did not physically resist when told she was having the operation, Lord Justice Judge said this was not consent but "submission". He said: "How can a forced invasion of a competent adult's body against her will even for the most laudable of motives ... be ordered without irremediably damaging the principle of self determination?"

The judge, together with Lady Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Robert Walker, agreed that while pregnancy increases the personal responsibilities of a woman it does not diminish her entitlement to decide whether or not to undergo med-

Lord Justice Judge said that Miss Collins and the doctors had been motivated by a "genuine desire" to do what was best for Ms S and her baby. The judges said they "admired the courage" of the social worker in her attempts to deal with "an unusual, unreasonable mother-to-be".

The hospitals involved, and Merton council, are expected to appeal to the House of Lords.

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Matisse's Young Soilor II is one of 85 works bequeathed to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Photograph: Re. Museum gets art windfall of century

By Mary Dejevsky in Washington

ONE OF the most admired private collections of 20th-century European art has been bequeathed in its entirety to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. The collection, which includes major works by Matisse, Picasso, Braque and Miro, belonged to Natasha Gelman and her film-maker husband Jacques.

The director of the museum Philippe de Montebello, described the bequest as "sensational" and "certainly the most important gift to the museum in the field of 20th-centurv art".

Mrs Gelman, who was born in what was then Bohemia, died last week at her home in Cuernavaca, Mexico, aged 86. Her husband, a Russian-born Frenchman who died 12 years ago, made a fortune producing films that featured the Mexican comedian Cantioflas. The value

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Natasha Gelman: Left museum a 'sensational' bequest

years, is estimated at more than \$300m (£188m).

Among the 85 works are an early self-portrait by Picasso that once belonged to Gertrude Stein, and Three Studies for a Self-Portrait by Francis Becon, which will be the Museum's first

portraits, Matisse's 1906 Young Sailor II. The Gelmans concentrated on the early 20th-century School of Paris. They had 14 Picassos, nine Matisses, nine Miros, four Braques, and single works by Renoir, Mondrian and Ernst. The earliest work is a Degas bronze sculpture from the turn of the century; the latest are the Bacons.

Mrs Gelman was an honorary trustee of the museum for many years, and promised it the collection in 1989 after the chairman of the 20th-century art department, William Lieberman, arranged for the works to go on public view for three months. There was generous tribute yesterday to Mr Lieberman who had nurtured a friendship with Natasha Gelman for decades. He advised the Gelmans on purchases, and when they endowed a curatorship of pre-Second World War art in 1990, he took the title.

In her will, Mrs Gelman stipulated that the collection should be kept toexamples of Bacon's painting. There gether and not integrated into the of their collection, amassed over 50 is also one of the best-known Fauve museum's general collection.

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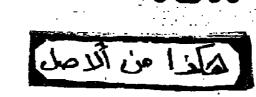
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final gruelling climb to the summit of Everest have been dashed by poor fear that there may be dozens of



VW poised to **buy Rolls-Royce**

VOLKSWAGEN, the German car maker, was last night poised to snatch control of Rolls-Royce from BMW after an about-turn by the parent company Vickers.

that it had a deal to sell the British car company to BMW it announced a new deal with Volkswagen.

The BMW deal is worth £340m, but Volkswagen is believed to have

put in an offer for £430m. In a statement, Vickers said it hadreached an agreement to sell the of Rolls-Royce will lie with Vickers Crewe-based Rolls-Royce Motors to shareholders who will vote on the ofbad the right to terminate its agree-

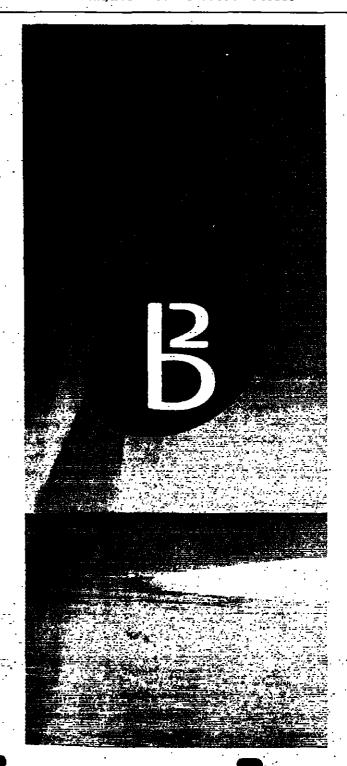
ment in the wake of the new offer. It added that the directors of Vickers would recommend that shareholders reject the sale of Rolls-Royce to BMW, and instead recommend the Volkswagen offer. If this offer is successful, it will deal a

significant blow to BMW's ambitions of increasing its hold on the British motor industry. BMW already owns Rover and supplies German-made engines for Rolls-Royce, but Volkswagen plans to use British-made engines. Another subsidiary of Vick-Eight days after Vickers said ers, Cosworth, already supplies engines to Rolls-Royce.

Vickers' chairman Sir Colin Chandler said: "Throughout the ... sales process, we have focused on achieving the maximum value for our share-

holders and this remains the case." The final decision on the future





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Blair offers aid to victims of Troubles

and David McKittrick

CASH help for the families of victims of violence in Ulster was ordered by Tony Blair yesterday after hearing criticism from Unionists that the Government was doing more for the prisoners than the families of those they

Downing Street also disclosed that the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, is planning to unveil a major package of financial aid to boost inward investment for the Province next Tuesday in a move which will be seen. as part of the concerted campaign to win a "yes" vote in the referendum on the Ulster peace plan on 22 May.

The Prime Minister ordered the Chancellor to find more money for the victims and their families as he met Ulster leaders of the Orange Order who emerged from Downing Street still determined to call for a vote against the peace package.

The Order underlined the difficult task he faces in persuading hard-line loyalists to support the package after cowardice and lack of vision. trying to reassure them over prisoner releases, and decommissioning of terrorist weapons. The planned joint visit to Belfast for the "yes" campaign by Mr Blair, William Hague and Paddy Ashdown, is likely to be scrapped after soundings suggested that it would be counter productive to "have three Englishmen telling Ulster voters what to do". Mr Blair is expected to opt for a solo visit next week.

about the package and we are trying to deal with the facts," said a Government source.

John McCrea, secretary of the Orange Order, said a county meeting of the Order in Ulster would announce its decision in 36 hours, but Mr Blair had made it clear that the package was not amendable, including the parts "we find objectionable".

The Chancellor is planning to announce the cash help for the Northern Ireland economy on Tuesday on a rare visit to Belfast. Mr Brown's package will be followed on Wednesday by the Bloomfield report on proposals for commemorating the victims of violence, which include building memorials, establishing clinics to deal with trauma from the Troubles, and planting a "forest of peace" to those who have died in the violence.

In Belfast, the Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble, yesterday launched a spirited counterattack against Unionist critics of his endorsement of the Good Friday agreement, accusing them of political

He was speaking at the launch of his party's campaign for a "yes" vote in the referendums, ironically at aimost the same moment as Sinn Fein's president, Gerry Adams, was tendering similar advice to republicans. ■ The White House confirmed yesterday that President Bill Clinton had scrapped plans for a visit to Northern Ireland later this month out of concern that his presence might dis-"There are misapprehensions rupt the referendum campaign.



Moment of reflection: Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams yesterday Photograph: Reuters

'Gobsmacked' of Ulster finds reason to smile

THERE was a lot of surprise and approval but also a little scepticism at Tony Blair's quick offer of financial help for victims of violence in Northern Ireland following his visit to Belfast.

The Downing Street announcement that the Prime Minister is asking Gordon Brown and Mo Mowlam to find "a few million pounds" for the fund was, observers believe, designed to help temper loyalist antipathy to aspects of the peace agreement. Yesterday, it appeared to have been effective.

"I am gobsmacked" said the woman whose demand to Mr Blair that he should do more for the victims is said to have led to action just 12 hours later.

Arlene Foster, a honorary secretary of the Ulster Unionist Party, had told him during a meeting on Wednesday night in Belfast that although prisoners and their families received £1m from the European Union's peace and Reconciliation Fund, victims got £600,000.

Ms Foster, who is part of a campaign on behalf of protestant farmers who had left their land in the border areas because of IRA intimidation, said: "I had no idea all this would happen so quickly. Mr Blair was obviously listening to what was be-

ing said. It is excellent news." Mary McNeice, of the press group Widows Against Vio- as well," he added.

lence Empower (Wave) said "Obviously this would be very useful. As well as the financial help it is very nice having the acknowledgement of what victims and their families have to go through.

"Some of the money could go towards the education of children whose schooling has suffered because of violence. and could also go towards counselling for trauma, and towards a pain clinic for those who continue to suffer."

- But Sam Malcolmson, who, in 1972 as a 22 year old police constable lost the use of a leg after being shot by the IRA in Crossmaglen, South Armagh, is yet to be convinced that the promises would be translated into hard help.

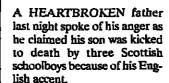
He said: "I am afraid I have seen successive governments and secretaries of state make all kinds of promises which don't really come to anything. All it does is falsely build up people's

Mr Malcolmson, a member of the Disabled Police Officers Association, supports Ms Mc-Neice's call for the establishment of a pain clinic. He himself has to take morphine everyday to cope with chronic pain.

He said: "If funds actually are made available then it would be very helpful to have a pain clinic.

"I would not oppose terrorists who had received injuries themselves being treated there

Teenager's English accent provoked gang into making fatal attack



A HEARTBROKEN father convicted of murder, but ad-

Mark Ayton, 19, was killed after what began as a lagerfuelled scuffle between And he told how his family, teenagers in an affluent com- face. tom apart by the killing, was an-muter suburb on the outskins. gry that the culprits were not of Edinburgh last November. "Mark was a happy-go-lineky" the accent. But he was Scottish at the time of the killing - the

mitted a lesser charge of cul- senseless, inexplicable violence, to be with. He had never been Mark was dead.

> peatedly, the imprints of his at- he had an English accent. tackers' bootlaces still on his

Within a few moments of lad, a nice person and good fun through and through." in trouble with the police and Purves, 17, and Ross Grave-

"He was born in Paisley, but because we lived in England for sentenced in two weeks' time. His Taker: Makohn, said spicked up His killers were all only 18 culpable homicide, shouted

Iain Wheldon, 17, Graham

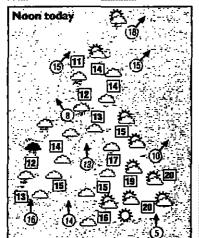
His head had been kicked re- it seems his only crime was that stock, 16, all from Balerno, pleaded guilty to the charge of culpable homicide and will be

a managing director and a senior civil servant.

Evidence emerged during the seven-day trial that the teenagers, whose murder trial was halted when they admitted anti-English abuse before the

sons of a police chief inspector, fight. Mr Ayton, a 46-year-old tax inspector, who lives with his wife Jean, 47, and other son Paul, 21, in Balerno, near Edinburgh, said: "These boys should have been convicted of murder and the only sentence appropriate for what they did is

WEATHER



Northern Ireland and western Scotland will be cloudy with light rain returning from the south-west. Eastern Scotland will have a good deal of fine weather, but chizzle is possible later. Northern England and north Wates will begin damp, but it will brighten up, especially in the east. The far south-west of England and west Wales will have cloud and coastal mist, but the rest of England and south-east Wates will have sunny soells allowing it to become warmer than recently.

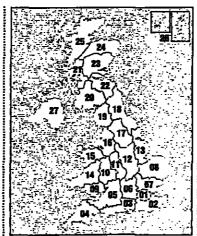
Outlook for the next few days Tomonow will see rain in western Scotland and the western side of Northern Ireland. Eastern Scotland and the east of the Province should be mostly dry. Meanwhile, England and Wales will have a warm day with tezy sunshine, but scattered thundery showers may break out late on. On Sunday thundary rain will develop in northern and western regions, but the south-east

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WILLIAM **HARTSTON** WEATHER WISE

WE HAVE all been most unfair to the Americans on the topic of global warming, for it seems to me that there is one neglected aspect of the problem in which they have been making a small but consistently improving contribution. I refer to obesity.

If I understand the global warming debate correctly, one of the major greenhouse gases is carbon dioxide. Human beings lessen the problem by merely existing. Every person stabilises a small and you can go on breathing

enough, they say, to make two lead pencils, but every little bit counts) that might otherwise the other hand, we all make a positive contribution to the amount of carbon dioxide in the air every time we exhale.

There must come a point when an individual has breathed out more carbon dioxide than he or she has stabilised. From that moment on, that person becomes a net contributor to global warming. And world-wide, as the human life span increases, our exhalations become more and

more of a potential problem. There are two ways out of this dilemma: the Eastern solution is Yoga, which can teach us all to breathe more slowly; the Western answer is obesity. Statistics show that Americans are fat and getting fatter. I may be wrong about this, but it seems to me that, perhaps subconsciously, they are doing this not out of gluttony or a love of junk food, but through a deep-rooted sense of ecological responsibility. Get fat; stabilise more carbon; amount of carbon (only out with a clear conscience.

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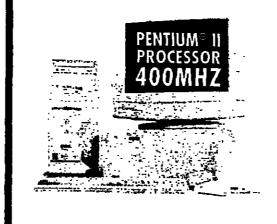


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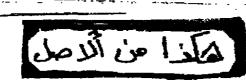
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Is it now time to elect the monarchy?

The problem of the hereditary system is obvious'

The present incumbent may be above reproach, but the future is uncertain, writes Canon Eric James

I WAS chaplain to Her Majesty The Queen from 1984 to 1995. Therefore, writing on the future of the monarchy without a pastoral concern for the Royal Family is, to my mind, unthinkable.

It seems appropriate to address the question in The Independent, where Canon Alan Wilkinson, the noted Anglican historian and Diocesan Theologian of Portsmouth, wrote an article a week after the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, which concluded:

When things go wrong with hopes and relationships, we often react by wanting to be rid of the source of the pain. This is how many people are reacting to the failures of the monarchy. But ought we to abandon an institution which is woven into every period of our history, out of disappointment or a fit of pique? There is still time to salvage the monarchy, but there is not as much time as some in authority once seemed to assume.

The death of Diana, Princess of Wales, was the occasion, but not wholly the cause, of many of the questions that people have been asking about the monarchy. But mortality is something close to us all: however much we avert our gaze.

Her Majesty The Queen - I am myself keenly aware - is less than a year younger than I; and the Duke of Edinburgh is but four years older. If Prince Philip were to die, would the Oueen. sort alongside her, retire from monarch as devotedly as she has

done for over 40 years? And what would happen were the Queen herself to die? The Prince of Wales waits in the wings, so to speak; though his doubt have his own thoughts about his role as monarch.

There is another very releeven naïveté, in thinking you can raise - as a matter of printhink you can leave entirely undisturbed the question of the hereditary monarchy.

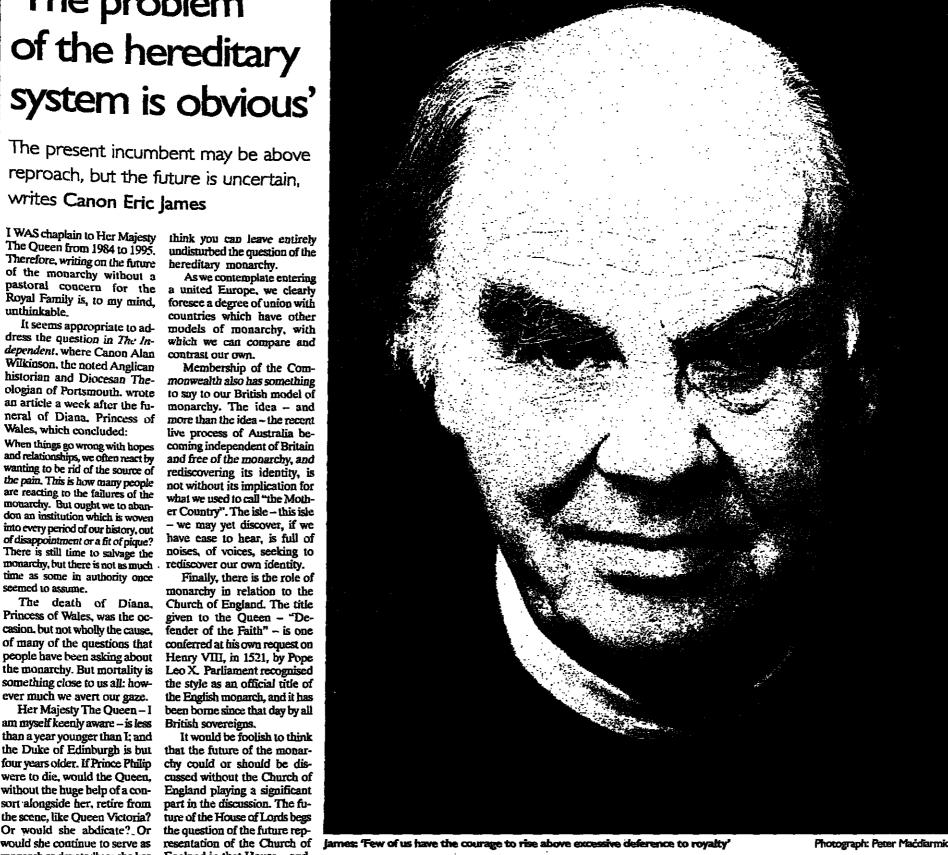
As we contemplate entering a united Europe, we clearly foresee a degree of union with countries which have other models of monarchy, with which we can compare and contrast our own.

Membership of the Commonwealth also has something to say to our British model of monarchy. The idea - and more than the idea - the recent live process of Australia becoming independent of Britain and free of the monarchy, and rediscovering its identity, is not without its implication for what we used to call "the Mother Country". The isle - this isle - we may yet discover, if we have ease to hear, is full of noises, of voices, seeking to rediscover our own identity.

Finally, there is the role of monarchy in relation to the Church of England. The title given to the Queen - "Defender of the Faith" - is one conferred at his own request on Henry VIII, in 1521, by Pope Leo X. Parliament recognised the style as an official title of the English monarch, and it has been borne since that day by all British sovereigns.

It would be foolish to think that the future of the monarchy could or should be discussed without the Church of without the huge help of a con- England playing a significant part in the discussion. The futhe scene, like Queen Victoria? ture of the House of Lords begs Or would she abdicate? Or the question of the future rep-England in that House - and, indeed, of other Christian bodies, and other religious - and the relation of the Church of England to those other bodies.

waiting is both active and cre- the archbishops should set up ative; and, in time, will no a broad-based Commission on Church and Nation, with special reference to the future of the monarchy. So far, the vant question. The Govern- churches have been strangely ment has raised the question of silent on the modernising of the hereditary peers There is, monarchy, though, surely, they surely, a certain illogicality, have much to contribute through what the Bible says on racial and multi-faith society. monarchy - not least through ciple - the question of hered- the prophets, but most through itary peers of the realm, but the self-revelation of God in Je-



sus, and the model He provides as an escape. Shakespeare knew of leadership in His Kingdom, in contrast with our all too human requirements of distance. I respectfully suggest that rank, status, possessions, hierarchy-which, of course, meant originally "rule by the priests". This necessity is what Shakespeare called "degree": "take but degree away, untune that string, and, hark! what discord follows". Such a commission would surely have valuable insights for our secular, multi-

> We shall not get the subject dare we use that word "mystery"

that part of the problem of royalty is the court: the cult and class that hedge the monarch - for which, of course, the monarch is, in part, to blame. Security is the breeding ground of toadying sycophants. And few of us have the courage to rise above that excessive deference to rovalty which defeats its object.

The question needs to be posed again, in our own time, whether the mere accident of birth can ever now be expected to produce a man or woman of monarchy right in a day, nor fit for the role that royalty requires. In our age, from birth,

the fierce glare of publicity is lieve, the Queen has served the directed on to the heir's upbringing, education, and development; followed by the investigative glare of the media on his making of friends, wooing, and so on. The relation between the private person and the public role - it must be

possible demands. In England, until 1213, the monarch was elected. Maybe the time is returning for election to the task and role.

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As an Extra Chaplain to Her Majesty, I want to pay tribute to the devotion with which I be-

A court insider with a feel for the underdog

Political Editor

CONTROVERSY and Canon Eric James have been companions for a long time.

There was a fuss some years ago when he went on a television programme, and declared his own homosexuality: there was even more controversy when he recently produced "evidence" that Enoch Powell had been a youthful homosexual.

By taking his call for an examination of the hereditary monarchy into Westminster Abbey, along with a suggestion that Diana Princess of Wales had been crucified, the Extra Chaplain to the Queen can hardly be surprised if last night's lecture of "Spirituality. Shakespeare and Royalty' creates a row.

As a chaplain to the Queen between 1984 and 1995, when he became 70, and an "extra" chaplain since then, Canon James ciaims no special relationship with the Royal Family.

But he believes that his position as a chaplain does make him a part of the royal circle.

He told The Independent: "I conversed with the Queen once, when I was stroking her corgis and got caught up in the leads when all 28-or-so chaplains - is that a covey of chaplains? - were being taken around the royal apartments.

"You preach at one of the Royal Chapels each year, and 'such other duties as it shall be Her Majesty's pleasure to com-

"In fact, you preach once a year at, almost certainly, the Chapel Royal, in St James's Photograph: Peter Macdiarmid ly most years, up to Holyrood or rights of hereditary peers in

After last night's lecture, country as monarch. Nor do I Canon James would be lucky to believe that now is the time for be included in the next "jolly". an immediate change in our But, then, he has never been mode of government; but it is, one of the court's "toadying surely, time for a profound re- sycophants".

In the 1950s, he was chapation of the role of monarch. lain to Trinity College, Cam-The problem of hereditary bridge, and he told The monarchy is obvious and sim- Independent: "I watched the ple. The monarch now may be grammar school boys from working class areas make some never tell what you are going of the best contributions to the civil service. I doubt whether they would have got anywhere near the royal household."

forces of his life, he says, has be looked at."

always been an awareness of the underdog. His father was a valuer and assessor in Dagenham, but Canon James left school at 14, just before the Second World War, and worked as an office boy for seven years on the Thames-side whart where the Globe Theatre now stands.

Those were years when he carried out duties - alongside London dockers - as a firewatcher, and he says now: "That was when all the class barriers came down."

During that time, he also worked hard at night school and after the war, he was accepted as a student by King's College, London, where he studied theology.

In his lecture last night. Canon James recalled that when he had first started his training for ordination, he had been urged always to think

> After last night's lecture, he would be lucky to be asked to the Queen's next jolly

"theologically", and he said that he was applying that instruction, now, to his thoughts on the monarchy. "It is worrying to me," he said yesterday, "that at such a time, when such a question is up for discussion, I cannot name you one theologian, or one higher-up, who has raised it."

He said that the implications Palace, and she's rarely present. of government proposals to But she invites you to some jol- end the voting and speaking the House of Lords were not being discussed at all.

> "It raises the whole question of primogeniture." he told The Independent. "It goes right the way through the system, and through society, too. "I still think there are quite

a lot of people in working-class houses who talk proudly of their sons in a way that they don't talk of their first daughter. It is a very odd thing.

"Is the church afraid of addressing such questions? I do not want this to sound like a revolutionary bleat, as it were, One of the motivating but I am saying that it needs to

Hormone test will help fight breast cancer

By Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

A HORMONE present in the blood increases the risk of breast cancer up to seven times in younger women and can be measured by a simple test.

The discovery by US scientists points to ways in which the disease may be prevented and could open up a new direction in cancer research. It adds to evidence that dietary changes and prophylactic treatment with hormonal drugs such as tamoxifen may help ward off the cancer. The hormone, insulin-like growth

factor (IGF-1), is part of the body's breast cancer up to five years later defence system and is also known to with 620 women from whom blood he raised in prostate cancer. Experts believe that amplifying the body's defences instead of tackling the causes of cancer could turn out to be a more effective strategy against the disease.

Previous studies have shown that levels of IGF-1 are raised in women with breast cancer, but it was unclear whether the high levels were caused by the presence of the disease.

The new study, published in The Lancet, compared 400 women from whom blood samples were taken in 1989 to 1990 and who developed

was taken at the same time but who did not develop cancer. The results showed that among

pre-menopausal women those with the highest IGF-1 concentrations had twice the risk of developing breast cancer of those with the lowest concentrations. For pre-menopausal women under 50 the difference in risk between the highest and lowest concentrations rose to 4.5 times and, when the presence of a binding protein IGFBP-3 was taken into account, the difference in risk rose to 7.3 times.

gues at the Brigham and Women's blood test to measure IGF-1 concentrations could be a way of providing women with an early warning that they should attend for regular breast screening or be given prophylactic treatment. A large US study of tamoxifen given to premenopausal women was stopped last month after early results showed it reduced the incidence of breast cancer in high-risk women by 45 per cent.

was known to lower the the level of today. hospital in Boston, in the US, said a IGF-1 and this could explain how it prevented breast cancer. Levels of IGF-1 are determined by nutrition and set early in life - a high-protein, high-energy diet increases the levels and therefore the risk of cancer - so changes in diet to include more carbohydrate and fruit and vegetables could help prevent the disease.

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This article is based on a lecture

given by the author last night in

be said for such a lottery.

Eight cancer patients have been recalled to hospital after a computer fault led to the administration of low-Professor Jeff Holly, of the Uni- er levels of potentially life-saving that treatment in the vast majority of versity Division of Surgery at Bris-, chemotherapy treatment than cases was unaffected by the computer

A total of 670 kidney function tests carried out at London's Middlesex Hospital have had to be recalculated for a range of medical conditions and the correct results forwarded to the relevant consultant doctors, an inquiry report has revealed.

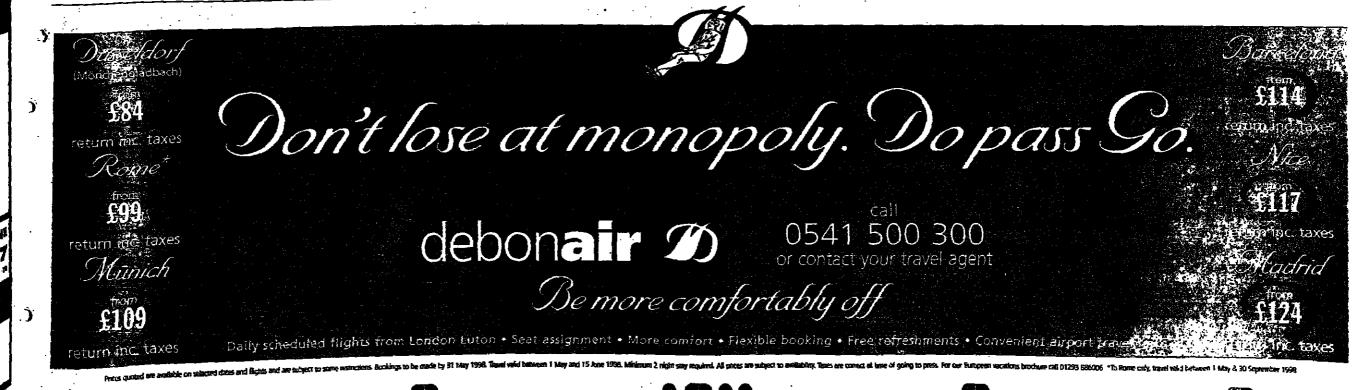
Hospital investigators found a setup fault in a computer which resulted in an under-estimation of 10 to 20 per cent in kidney-function tests.

Although the hospital has stressed

Dr Susan Hankinson and collea- tol Royal Infirmary, said tamoxifen should have been used, it emerged error, doctors dealing with eight cancer patients said they would have adjusted the levels of chemotherapy drug treatment if they had been given the correct test results.

Dr Tony Goldstone, medical director of UCL Hospitals, said it was impossible to determine whether this may have any effect on the outcome of treatment.

A helpline (0808 100 1486) has also been set up for any patients who believe they were tested for kidney function at the Hospital between July and December 1997 but have not been contacted.



atal attack

Detective 'thwarted' Lawrence investigation

By Kathy Marks

A DETECTIVE who played a central part in the collapse of the private prosecution of the cial factor that led to the judge's alleged killers of the black teenager Stephen Lawrence told him that friends had primed was accused yesterday of deliberately undermining the murder investigation.

Detective Sergeant Christopher Crowley also tried to nied having any connection with thwart the investigation of an the families of five youths later earlier racist killing in the area. charged with killing Stephen. He again by discrediting the key said he had heard of Clifford prosecution witness. it was al- Norris, the father of one suspect, leged at the public inquiry into Stephen's death.

The case brought by Stephen's parents in 1995 was abandoned after the trial judge dence by Duwayne Brooks, Stephen's friend who was with

sation with Duwayne after an identification parade was a crudecision. He claimed Duwayne him to pick out a suspect.

Cross-examined yesterday

by Ian McDonald QC, counsel for Duwayne, DS Crowley dewho was described by Mr Mc-Donald as "a well-known south London villain involved in drug trafficking and firearms". But he only knew his name and had had ruled out identification evi- no dealings with him or his associates, he said.

"Did you know he was somehim when he was stabbed to one known to buy off witness-

south-east London, in 1993. DS McDonald. "No, I didn't," DS Crowley's account of a conver-Crowley replied. "Did you ever hear rumours of him buying off police officers?" "No."

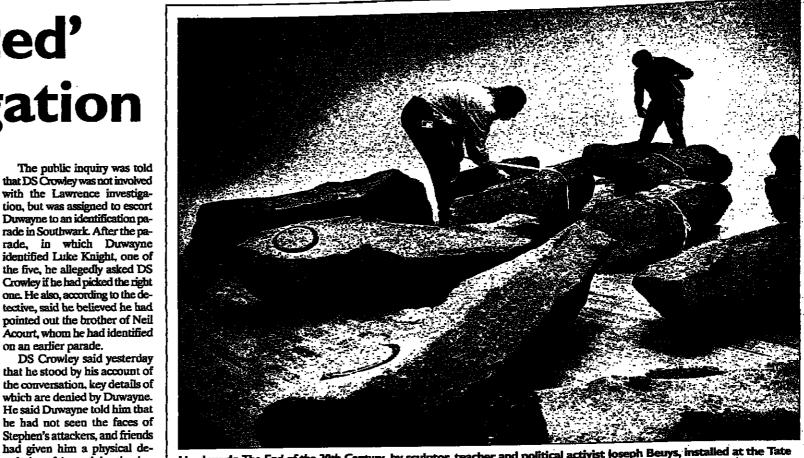
Mr McDonald alleged that in the case of Rolan Adams, a black teenager murdered by a white gang in February 1991, DS Crowley's actions had demolished the credibility of Rolan's brother, Nathan, who was the principal witness.

He arrested Nathan twice for alleged offences, Mr Mcdonald said, an assault and a robbery. In the case of the assault, another juvenile was also arrested. Both exercised their right to silence, but only Nathan was charged. He told DS Crowley: "Your questionable involvement in both murder inquiries, if unexplained, is sufficiently serious that it provides a basis for inferring an attempt to thwart

The public inquiry was told that DS Crowley was not involved tion, but was assigned to escort Duwayne to an identification parade in Southwark. After the parade, in which Duwayne identified Luke Knight, one of the five, he allegedly asked DS Crowley if he had picked the right one. He also, according to the detective, said he believed he had

on an earlier parade. DS Crowley said yesterday that he stood by his account of the conversation, key details of which are denied by Duwayne. He said Duwayne told him that he had not seen the faces of Stephen's attackers, and friends had given him a physical description of Acourt's brother before the parade.

Acourt, whom he had identified



Hard world The End of the 20th Century, by sculptor, teacher and political activist Joseph Beuys, installed at the Tate Gallery, London, as part of a display that includes work by Andy Warhol and opens on 18 May Photograph: Philip Meech



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RAC 'windfall' By Randeep Ramesh the Pall Mall's sumptuous Transport Correspondent

AA director's

THE head of the Automobile Association could be in line for a £35,000 bonanza thanks to the other has applied. sale of the Royal Automobile Club, his main competitor, to an American marketing company.

John Maxwell, the 54-yearold director-general of the AA, was made an "honorary member of the RAC club in Pall Mall by virtue of his job. According to the RAC, this position would entitle him to the cash hand-out.

The AA denies this is the case, stating: "Mr Maxwell is categorically not a full member. He was offered an honorary large returns by a group of title as part of his job. He will not be voting for anything."

A "club clique" which includes Damon Hill, the former Formula One world champion, and the actor Richard Wilson, have to vote to end the RAC's mutual status. Should these group approve the proed £450m sale of the RAC's motoring organisation, each member of the exclusive west London clubhouse will receive a £35.000 windfall.

Mr Maxwell's household is also likely to benefit from any sell-off. His sons - John Jr, James and Iain – are all fans of the country house in Surrey and the RAC board.

restaurant and restaurant. Two of them are full members which will bring in £70,000 when the RAC is sold - and the

The spat over Mr Maxwell's membership will worsen relations between the RAC and the AA. Under its new parent, Cendant - which also owns Green Flag - the new RAC will serve 9 million motorists. This will put it on a par with the AA. The AA yesterday took out Biopi ian t

full-page advertisements in national newspapers designed to attract disaffected users of the RAC's breakdown service who have been angered by the well-heeled top people.

Ordinary members of the RAC will not get a payout because its 101-year-old constitution cites that only those "full members" that join the Pall Mall club direct - for £600 a year - are shareholders of the motoring organisation.

The RAC responded in kind today with an advertisement that questions the efficiency of the AA_

We are concerned about the quality of the service which members receive. That is what we are concerned about," said Edmund King, a spokesman for

Scandal-ridden police force hit by suspensions

FRESH controversy hit Grampian Police with the aunouncement that two CID officers had been suspended. The force, still reeling over the resignation of its chief constable, Ian Oliver, said the move followed completion of an internal report but refused to disclose the circumstances.

It is understood it is unconnected to the Scott Simpson case, which finally led to Dr Oliver resigning. He was already stepping down following a separate incident when a paper published pictures of him embracing a married woman. At the heart of the row which provoked his resignation last month was a report castigating Grampian Police over its handling of the disappearance of Scott, who was found murdered by a known paedophile.

Headless body found

DETECTIVES were yesterday searching for parts of a woman's body after a torso was found in a holdall. The woman's legs, which had been chopped up, were found nearby in a plastic bag. The head and arms were still missing.

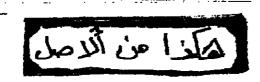
The discovery was made on Wednesday in Oldham. Greater Manchester Police said it was so far impossible to establish the woman's identity. A spokeswoman refused to confirm reports that detectives were examining a possible link between the discovery of the body and the disappearance on Sunday of local woman Leanne Singleton, 18.

Arrests over grass's murder

DETECTIVES investigating the murder of a "supergrass" shot at his home have arrested three men at separate addresses in areas of Richmond and Hampton, London, and Sunbury, Surrey. James Lawson, shot at his home in Bow Field, Hook, became a "supergrass" nine years ago when he tipped off police about a Mafia plot to flood Britain with cocaine worth £20m on the streets each week.

Water firm fined on sewage

A COMPANY which polluted a seaside port's inner harbour with 1 million gallons of sewage on a bank holiday weekend last summer was fined £5,000 and told to pay £250 costs. Wessex Water Services, of Bristol, had admitted at Weymouth magistrates' court to causing sewage effluent to be discharged.





rector's windfall'

Tommy Smith pays penalty over disability claim

By Louise Jury

TOMMY SMITH, the legendary hard man of Liverpool football, yesterday lost his battle to win back disability benefits axed after he was spotted taking a penalty kick for charity two years ago.

A panel of the Independent Tribunal Service in Manchester ruled that he was entitled only to the lowest rate of support, £13 care allowance, and not £132-a-week disability living allowance

The former Liverpool defender, who was known as the iron man of Anfield in the Seventies, has suffered from osteo and rheumatoid arthritis for 20 years.

But he was persuaded to take the penalty kick for charity before the 1996 cup final at Wembley where, he claimed, he was reported by a Benefits Agency worker supporting Liverpool's rivals, Everton.

Mr Smith, 53, said he intended to launch a private prosecution against the worker who named him and would appeal against the pan-

"I'm going to fight this all the way. I'm going to take it further. It's



disgraceful. Evidently they don't believe what I say."

Mr Smith claimed that the benefits office worker had bragged in the office about his success in getting the disability stopped.

But the footballer said that anyone who knew him knew that he found it very difficult to walk.

the hearing in a wheelchair and neck brace following a road accident last month in which he suffered three fractures to his spine and four broken ribs Photograph (left):

Fighting back: Tommy Smith on the pitch as

Seventies (right), and (left), helped by his

wife, Sue, outside the

Independent Tribunal

Manchester yesterday;

Service hearing in

Mr Smith attended

the iron man of

Anfield in the

Mersevside, has had two new knee joints, a new elbow and a hip replacement since his days as Liverpool captain. He claimed he could only limp out to take part in the charity kickabout after taking painkillers.

Earlier this year, Mr Smith said: "On the day of the shootout, I was a penalty at Wembley, and because Mr Smith, of Blundellsands, drugged up with painkillers. I was I do some after-dinner speaking,

helped on the pitch and the ball was put in front of me."

He criticised a Department of

Social Security doctor appointed to examine his case, claiming she was an hour, adding: "Because I go on holiday to America, because I took

going to lie down and be trodden on. I think it adds insult to injury when I have never been in trouble in my life. People who know me with him for only three-quarters of know I'm up-front." It was the principle, not the money, that was

motivating him, he said. The three-man panel, chaired by Peter Ball, decided unanimously that

that makes me able-bodied. I'm not Mr Smith was not entitled to an award of the mobility component of disability-living allowance.

A statement said that he was entitled to the lowest rate of the care component, £13.15 a week, backdated from 13 September 1996.

Mr Smith's wife, Sue, said the decision was "totally disgusting". "They could have come to stay

did for him but they still probably wouldn't have believed us," she said.

Mr Smith attended the hearing in a head brace and in a wheelchair following a road accident near Skelmersdale last month. He had to be cut free from the wreckage and suffered three fractures to his spine and four broken ribs.

'Biopiracy' row over plan to patent plants

By Charles Arthur Science Editor

THREE multinational companies are being accused of "biopiracy" after taking out patents covering uses of three orders" and "for gastro-proplants commonly used for tection". These would include herbal medicine treatments in India. One of the companies retorted that the accusations are in India, so that companies there can patent them instead.

The plants - dudhi (Euphorl'bia hirta), black nightshade (Solanum nigrum), and chhotagokhuru (Tribulus terrestris) are used to treat conditions including worm infestation, stomach irritation, mensurual pain and urinary infections.

In the US, Proctor & Gamble, Phytopharm and Zeneca

ing various uses of general extracts and specific chemicals from the plants. They include buy tonnes of it - earning that "pharmaceutical compositions for the treatment of skin disthe ways Indians now use the plants, or their extracts.

The Gaia Foundation prespart of an attempt by the Indi- sure group condemned the vestment made to discover the an government to claim plants move as "prospecting for green active chemicals or genes, and and treatments widely used gold", in which companies hope across the Far East originated to patent medicines used for centuries by Indian practitioners. But Richard Dixey, chief executive of Huntingdon-based Phytopharm, accused the group of "flag-waving" and India of sabre-rattling.

'We use Tribulus as a component of a formulation that comes from China," he said. India is trying to lay claim to ownership of plants that are distributed all over the Far East.

have registered patents cover- But Tribulus is one of 10 components of our own product which we source in China. We country very good money."

Patenting plants and in-

digenous naturally occurring chemicals has become increasingly contentious. Biotechnology companies say patents are necessary to protect the inthat the patents only cover specified applications of those discoveries. They also point out that patents are public, and have a limited lifespan.

Vandana Shiva, of the Indian Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology said: "Since all these plants' properties have been systematically studied within our indigenous knowledge systems ... claims to novelty, on which the patents are based, are faise."

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Doctors may face clinical skills test

By Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

POOR doctors who put patients at risk are to be identified by measuring their performance against new professional standards being drawn up by the medical royal colleges.

All hospital specialties are being asked to supply outcome measures against which the performance of individual doctors can be assessed. For some specialties, such as heart X is pretty bad at repairing hersurgery, the measure used may be death rates while for others, such as hip replacement surgery, the measure could be revision rates (the proportion of operations that need repeating within a certain period).

The aim is to strengthen selfregulation of the profession to avoid cases coming before the General Medical Council in which doctors' clinical competence is called into question, such as that involving the Bristol heart surgeons currently being heard by the GMC.

Work on developing the system, which is intended to be supportive rather than punitive, was initiated by the British Medical Association and has been taken over by the Academy of Royal Medical Colleges representing all the major hospital disciplines. Similar moves are under way to monitor the work of family doctors.

James Johnson, chairman of the Joint Consultants' Committee of the colleges and the BMA, said: "We are devising a system of appraisal that really will look at doctors' clinical work. We are going to put in place something so that patients can be reassured that their doctor was not just an excellent chap when he qualified

20 years ago but that he is still an excellent chap and has kept up to date."

He said there was no table in any surgical specialty setting out the expected mortality within 30 days of a specific operation or the expected repeat rate. For hernia operations, one of the commonest surgical procedures, there were no figures saying what percentage failed and had to be redone.

"You may hear that surgeon nias. But if you don't have the data it is very difficult to take any action. If, on the other hand, you can show the surgeon that his performance is way outside his colleagues' then you can have a system in which managers can go in and say this won't do, it has got to be sorted out."

For non-surgical specialties outcome measures might be more difficult to devise, but doctors in those specialties were less likely to feature in allegations of incompetence or poor performance, Mr Johnson said.

Dr Sandy Macara, chairman of the BMA said pressure had been growing on the profession to see that incompetent doctors were spotted and brought up to scratch. "We recognised we had to make explicit our commitment to ensuring doctors were fit for the job. But it has to be a supportive mechanism that complements the punitive role of the GMC. It is not a big stick."

Ministers are to announce shortly details of how their own plans for improving clinical performance through the Commission for Health Improvement and the National Institute of Clinical Excellence. heralded in last November's NHS White Paper, will work.

Osteopaths win cherished place as accepted alternative therapy



Healing hands: Osteopaths focus on bones, including the cranium, joints and muscles to treat the causes of pain

Photograph: Pat Miller

By Glenda Cooper Social Affairs Correspondent

OSTEOPATHY will tomorrow become the first complementary medicine to require its practitioners to register by law, confirming its place as one of the most accepted alternative therapies.

In the latest implementation of the 1993 Osteopaths Act, the General Osteopathic Council (GOsC) will open its register for the 3,000 osteopaths around the

country. Osteopathy focuses on the bones, joints, muscles and ligaments and practitioners use their hands to discover underlying causes of pain and then treat them through touch and manipulation.

Until now the law allowed anyone to call themselves an osteopath and set up in

Now osteopaths will have a two year period in which to apply and satisfy the register that they are safe and competent practitioners otherwise it will be illegal to practice.

"The opening of the register is a great day for patients and osteopathy." said Simon Fielding chairman of the GÖsC.

"It is a moment for which the profession has striven for almost seventy years. It will turn a dream into reality."

BMA challenges ministers over health reform

THE prolonged honeymoon between doctors and the Government is at an end. The British Medical Association yesterday fired its first salvo at ministers whom it accuses of failing to answer its concerns over the planned reform of the National Health Service.

Last November, the BMA warmly welcomed the plans set out in the NHS White Paper to end the internal market and GP fundholding and replace them with "primary care groups" - groups of an average

50 GPs which would control the budget for hospital care in their areas. The aim, endorsed by the BMA, was to end competition and the two-tier service and restore equity and fairness to the NHS. Yesterday, BMA leaders

said that their commitment to the underlying aim remained, but that the Government's continning failure to spell out the details of how the new groups would work was spreading alarm and despondency among

Dr John Chisholm, chairman of the GPs' committee,

said: "The White Paper was full of froth and short on detail. We have always said the devil is in the detail and the detail is not there. The questions we are asking now we have been asking for

"Alan Milburn, the health minister, said the majority of GPs supported primary care groups. I believe the majority of GPs are auxious, worried and uncertain."

Dr Chisholm said that GPs were seeking assurances on five major points, including whether the cash-limited budgets for the primary care groups

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[present government's] prowould restrict GPs freedom to prescribe and refer patients as they saw fit, whether they would inherit the debts of over-Government's tight timetable spending health authorities whose budgets they took over, and what would happen to

Screening for sexually transmitted disease

Dr Mac Armstrong, secretary of the BMA, said: "In 1990 we knew exactly what the [former Tory government's] proposals were [for introducing the internal market and we opposed them. Now we are say-

ing we have no idea what the

patients of groups whose bud-

gets ran out before the end of

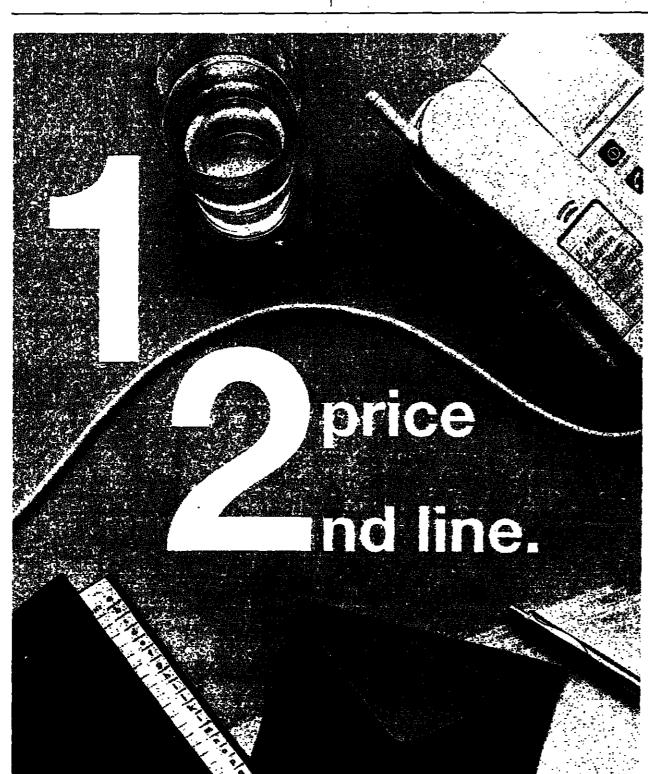
posals are and we are refusing to sign up until we do." The BMA warned that the

for setting up the primary care groups, which must be formed by July and are expected to come into operation from I April 1999, could falter if the required assurances were not forthcoming.

Alan Milburn said that the reforms were "a unique opportunity for GPs to overcome the fragmentation and divisions that fund-holding brought in the past".



Alan Milburn: 'GPs have a unique opportunity'



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monest sexually transmitted a major cause of infertility are disease which accounts for alto be screened in an effort to most half of all ectopic pregnancies. GPs will be asked to halt its spread, the Government inquire about the sexual histories of their female patients and

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offer the test, which can be conducted on a urine sample, where appropriate. All women

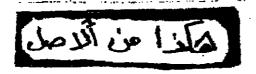
ing genitourinary medicine clinics, among whom infection rates are higher, will be tested.

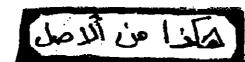
Chlamydia is often impossible to detect until it is too late, reversible damage to the reproductive tract. If identified early be launched in Portsmouth , it can be easily cared with a sin-

both partners are treated.

In Europe, screening is comsharp fall in the incidence of infertility. Tessa Jowell, minister for public health, said pilot screening programmes would and Wirral later this year.







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Winds stall the best-laid plans of men on ice

PLANS, as they say, seldom survive contact with the enemy. A similar unravelling seems to bedevil plans made for mountaineering trips, though I would never regard a mountain as an enemy or something to "conquer". Its rough fabric and fickle climate have to be worked with in sympathy.

Two days ago I wrote what I believed might be my last diary from Base Camp before moving higher in readiness for our summit bid. In the flush of optimism on returning from our few days' rest down the valley, it had seemed weather and a full moon might favour an early shot around 11 May.

But that idea has evaporated. Winds of up to 80mph are forecast for the summit over the next day or two and little work has been done by any teams to the route between the gruelling 12- to 15-bour return trip even for the fit. Ropes will be placed at the Hillary Step, a 20m barrier of rock and ice not far below the 8848m summit, and hopefully along other awkward sections.

However, none of that is in place yet, so it looks as though our Himalayan Kingdoms Expeditions (HKE) team is des- A Team lay the track. The snow tined to spend several more long days festering around



Base Camp

My oxygen mask probably looked better on the

Russian pilot it was designed for

ican scientific team - intending to bolt a GPS receiver near the South Col and the summit - a summit to help fix the exact height of Everest - are thinking of moving up through the Icefall to Advanced Base in two days. They have the most powerful team of Sherpas on the mountain - 13 or 14 for four team members, compared to our nine for seven clients and two guides.

> The consensus is to let this could be chest-high and summit bids have often ground to a halt in such exhausting conditions. With luck, though, the

strong winds could strip away a lot of snow.

I was going to say that no one will go before Wally's may be thinking of making an earlier bid. Sherpas who re- Zone, the Col is reckoned too

turned to Base Camp today believe some of the Iranian national team have already been over-nighting at the South Col. team. However, one team here At virtually 8,000m and therefore into the so-called Death loop of the Base Camp infor-

high for useful acclimatisa-Iranians are thinking? There is certainly a language barrier and they do seem to be out of the mation exchange. Two of them

out a fairly basic Western blunder with the fuel feed.

Base Camp days follow a disagreeable. Around 8am, sun comes over the Lho-la game.

did, however, fix our HKE cookboy Pema Tsering unzips tion, but who knows what the kerosene generator, pointing my tent and hands in a cup of "bed tea". Very milky, in any other circumstances I could not abide it. But sipped while lying pattern which hardly sounds back in the sleeping bag as the

Preparations: Sundeep Dhillon testing his vital

Photograph by Stephen Goodwin using Fuji DS-300 digital camera

pass and starts warming the tent, it seems palatable enough. Breakfast in the mess tent is followed by various chores such as laundry in a bowl with kettle of hot water or a rudimentary shower. Clothes quickly dry on the shifting boulders of Base Camp in the hot morning sun.

For a couple of hours, yesterday, we practised fitting the oxygen masks we will wear on our summit bid. I suspect mine looked better on the Russian pilot it was designed for. It must certainly have been more comfortable without the encumbrances of balaclavas, ski goggles and down hood.

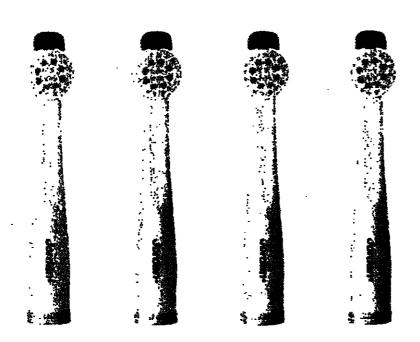
After lunch, I have this diary to write and others fuss around with their e-mails. But there is always a strong temptation to slip back to the tent, climb in the sleeping bag and doze, read or plug in to the personal stereo.

All I fear now is that unless we break out of Base Camp before too long, my folder of 10 CDs is going to prove insufficiently varied for the waiting

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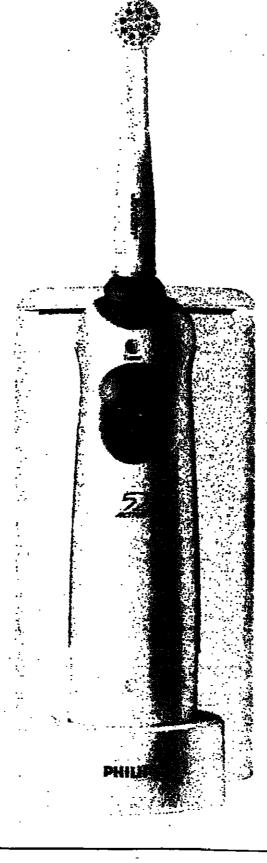


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What future for . the female boss?

By Barrie Clement Labour Editor

OFFICE workers are marching towards a bright, relaxing, hitech future encumbered by stone-age views on female bosses, especially among women themselves.

While workplaces will become like flexible, informal "clubs", the overwhelming majority of women - and to a lesser extent their male colleagues - fervently hope they will be presided over by men.

discrimination legislation, some 82 per cent of men and 86 per cent of females "hate" to be subordinate to a woman. In Scotland the proportion rises to a staggering 95 per cent for both genders, according to Pitman Training, which conducted research among 1,000 employers and employees in the United

More positively, researchers discovered that we have become a nation of "techno Brits" who crave the latest equipment and training on how to use it. . And experts predict that

the typical office in 2010 will look more like a comfortably furnished private house with bright decor, workstations instead of desks and "video conference meeting posts". The line between work and play will fade and the traditional

nine-to-five working day will

disappear, according to David Despite more than 20 years Lewis, the psychologist whose of equal opportunities and sex consultancy prepared the report. Dr Lewis said that the highstress office of today was based on a culture of long hours and little time for social activity, but

> ing to change. "The office of 2010 will be a hi-tech baven, with gadgetry revolutionising the way we work. Pleasure will be as much on the agenda as business. This

that that environment was go-

will have a positive effect on family life as people will have increased leisure time and lower stress levels,'

Dr Lewis adds a word of warning however: "No matter how advanced silicon intelligence becomes, we are still going to reserve our warmest, deepest and truest emotions for those clumsy, illogical and infuriating bipedal, carbon-based life-forms known as human beings. If that simple truth is ever forgotten the offices of tomorrow won't have any at all."

The present office environment gives little clue about the "relaxing hi-tech haven" of the future, the report concedes. Nine out of ten employees claim that work pressures and stress have increased significantly over the past few years, Office staff work an average 44 hours a week and more than half work through their lunch

Alert after key-ring gun found at airport

By Jason Bennetto Crime Correspondent

AN international security alert has been issued after a mini-gun disguised as a key ring was found being smuggled through Heathrow airport.

Security experts are concerned that the 3in-long weapon, which contains two bullets and can kill from close range, could easily get past Customs officers. The gun, which is under-

stood to have been made in Bulgaria, is believed to be used by organised crime gangs, but there are fears that it could also be taken on to aircraft by hiiackers.

It costs about £14 and is not detected by some traditional metal detectors and airport Xray machines.

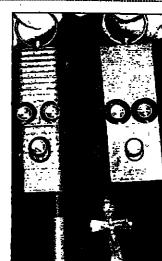
The Interpol bureau at the National Criminal Intelligence Service in London issued the warning to 177 countries after the device was found at Heathrow at the beginning of the year. A similar weapon was seized

in Athens last Wednesday after it had passed through an X-ray machine undetected. Guns were also found at Perth airport in Australia and Athens last

Although the weapon is made of metal it is likely to pass through airport security checks because passengers usually put key rings, coins and other metal objects on a tray that is passed around the detector.

The gun is intended to fire cartridges filled with gas to ward off attackers, but it can also take .32 calibre bullet and has a range of about seven metres. The trigger is disguised as a key ring. It is believed to have been

made in Bulgaria and is used by criminals in Eastern Europe who can smuggle it across borders without detection. There is no evidence to suggest that it is Lethal weapon: The mini-gun available in Britain yet.



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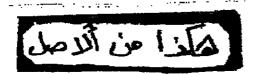
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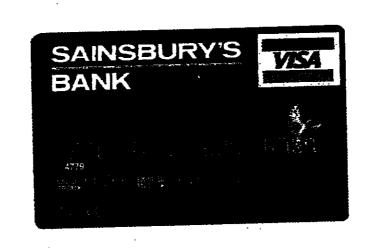
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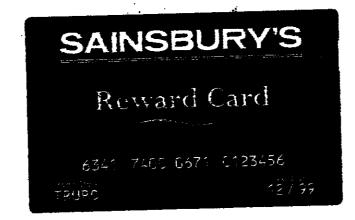
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Men face DNA tests in hunt for prostitute's killer

and Benjamin Todd

ABOUT 1,200 men suspected of using prostitutes are to be forced to give DNA samples as part of an inquiry into the murder of a Hull prostitute.

The police yesterday appealed to the men to contact them voluntarily or else face a "knock on the door".

The move follows the murder of Samantha Class, 29, who was found dead on the shore of the river Humber near North Ferriby, Hull, last October. She had been beaten around the head and strangled before her body was dumped semi-naked into the river.

Ms Class had been working as a prostitute for about eight months and worked in the red light district of Hull.

Known to her punters as "Zoe", "Rachel", "Little Sam" and "Sammy", she used to take her clients back to her house nearby, which was also home to her three children.

The police found six different semen samples at the house and want to discover the identity of her most recent clients.

Humberside police have drawn up a list of about 1,200 men who have been involved in offences connected with prostitutes, including assault, as well as suspected and convicted kerb crawlers.

Detectives want to take mouth swabs from the suspects, most of whom will be unaware they are on a police list, and obtain DNA samples to compare with the unique genetic "fingerprints" found in the dead woman's home.

About 100 prostitutes work in Hull's red light district, which attracts men looking for sex from as far afield as Nottingham, Lincoln, York and Scar-

Detective Inspector Phil Bell said: "We want people to volunteer to provide samples before we go knocking on their door. If in a few weeks people have not come forward we will send a letter to their home address. Most of these people will probably not want anyone, such as their family, to know they are involved in the red light

and 1,200 names have been

obtained from police inquiries going back about 18 months including a recent crackdown on kerb crawlers.

Swabbing for DNA samples will begin on 18 May at prearranged police stations throughout Hall

Ms Class was believed to have turned to prostitution to support her children, a oneyear-old boy and girls aged 12 and four. On the night of her murder she hired a baby-sitter to look after her children while she worked.

She is believed to have started prostitution about 12 years ago but then gave it up. However, she returned to the streets at the beginning of 1997.

Her death came exactly a year after another prostitute, Karen Tomlinson, 24, was killed in the city.

Similarly, six months afterwards Humberside police contacted thousands of men who had kerb-crawled in the city and asked them to provide DNA samples to help eliminate them from the murder inquiry.

A man has been charged The list of between 1,100 with Ms Tomlinson's murder and is currently awaiting trial.



High fashion: The glamourous style that could lead to painful problems with arthritis in later life

Photograph: Nicola Kurtz

Women in heels totter towards an arthritic future

WOMEN who wear high-heeled shoes risk tottering all the way to the rheumatology clinic, writes Jeremy Laurance.

Doctors who measured the stresses imposed on the ankles, knees and chusetts, asked 20 women with an av- tween the kneecap and the thigh bone thighs of women wearing heels found that they may be able to explain why arthritis of the knee is twice as com-

view that heels are for display, not for inches high. The results showed that is compensated for by increased torque locomotion. Researchers from Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massa- erage, a 23 per cent greater strain beerage age of 36 to walk along a platform fitted with sensors and cameras recording the movement of their ankle and knee joints. The women walked in bare

walking in high heels imposed, on avand on the inner side of the knee joint than when walking barefoot.

Writing in the Lancet, the researchers say that wearing high heels to evaluate a causal relationship."

The finding is likely to increase the feet and then in heels two-and-a-half alters the function of the ankle which imal experiments show that increasing pressure at the knee leads to degenerative changes in the joint.

They conclude: "Our findings sugges that further investigations are needed





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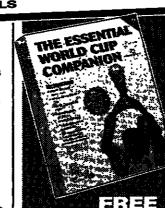
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Doctor knew girl visited child-killer

A SENIOR doctor at a secure hospital yesterday defended the way she and her colleagues had handled the visits of a child to patients held there.

Consultant psychiatrist Dr Zona Crispin told the inquiry into the Personality Disorder Unit (PDU) of Ashworth Special Hospital in Merseyside that she and another senior doctor had given instruction that nurses should supervise the visits.

Dr Crispin told the hearing at Knutsford Crown Court. Cheshire, that she had been aware that the girl, referred to child killer Paul Corrigan on Lawrence Ward. She denied having knowl-

edge of the child spending time with convicted paedophile Peter Hemming on the same ward where she was a Responsible Medical Officer. The inquiry has been told by patients and nurses that they

had expressed concerns about physical contact taking place between Hemming and child A.

Some patients have alleged that the girl, who started visitfather, an former patient, was sometimes dressed only in her underwear. They include Stephen Daggett, whose allegations about child A and the availability of pornography, drugs and alcohol on Lawrence Ward led to the inquiry.

Dr Crispin said yesterday: "I wasn't aware that she [child A] was visiting Mr Hemming. I thought that she and her father were visiting Mr Corrigan."

She told the hearing that neither Corrigan nor Hemming were her patients so she did not spite the fact that child A's visits were discussed by the staff team of which she was a senior member. During meetings of that team at which she was present, said Dr Crispin, the issue of child visiting was discussed.

She told the hearing: "I would certainly want to make sure they [children] were safe when they visited, as with all visitors."

Dr Crispin said that it was made clear that the visits of the girl should be supervised and that physical contact should

ing the ward as a baby with her not take place between any child and the patients.

She added that it was not until July 1996 that she and the team were made aware that there had been any complaints about inappropriate behaviour during the girl's visits.

Dr Crispin, under cross-examination, told the hearing that there had never been any written policy which mentioned the issue of physical contact.

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The other senior member of the Lawrence Ward team. Dr Ian Strickland, had earlier told the hearing that problems exwere made worse by lack of resources, the recruitment of untrained staff, too many patients housed in wards too large for successful treatments and re-

mote hospital management. The inquiry heard that Dr Strickland, who was suspended by the hospital 15 months ago when the allegations about Lawrence Ward first came to light, was criticised following inquiries into the murder of a patient in his care, and a hostage-taking incident.

largesse By Glenda Cooper

By Clare Garner

ROGER ROBAR has given up giving for good. Over the past two years the French chef from Crouch End, north London, has given away £1.5m of his £5.8m lottery win - but now he has owed: "Never again". Of the 150 people who benefited from his generosity, only seven bothered to telephone or write to say thank you.

People from England, Irc-land, Scotland and France beat a path to Mr Robar's door, "One lady told me she had a problem with cancer, another told me she had a problem with her mortgage," he said. "I gave them money but found out later the stories weren't true.'

If he had his time again, Mr Robar would not part with a penny, not even to charities. "I bought a bus for children, and they never said thank you," he said. "All I wanted was that people just phoned."

Mr Robar, 48, has opened a beauty salon named Vindo, after his wife Mary Vindo Ayewok three doors down from the restaurant where he worked as chef when he won the lottery in June 1996. He bought the restaurant for £250,000 and reopened it after a £120,000 re-fit and a new name: Roger's.

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No thanks Bagless wonder for lottery taken to cleaners

Consumer Affairs Correspondent

WHICH? consumer magazine vesterday entered the dust-up between rival vacuum-cleaner

Companies have recently made claim and counter-claim for the suction power of their models and last month Dyson, pioneer of the bagless cleaner, said it was to sue its arch-rival, Miele,

Which? tested 17 models. The Dyson was named Best Buy of the upright cleaners. It sorts dust with a cyclone, as against the traditional versions fitted with bags. But when it came to dust pick-up. Dysons, which have been chosen as Millenium Products, were beaten by three other makes, includiung Miele,

Among cylinder cleaners, Which?'s best buys were the £160 Miele S312i, the £110

Hoover Alpina SC211 and the £150 Panasonic MC-E962, with nine out of 10 points, and the £80 Morphy Richards Handy 70011, with eight points.

The two Dysons, the £230 DC02 Absolute and £200 DC02, were ranked poorer value for money and scored eight and seven points respectively. Among unrights, the "clas-

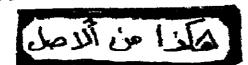
sic" Dyson DC01 (£200) came out as one of two best buys but only managed a score of seven In the critical dust pick-up

test - which accounted for 50 per cent of the marks - the Miele, Panasonic and Morphy Richards cylinder models were all judged to work better than the Dysons.

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Red face for Brown on Lords defeat

By Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

TORY peers last night inflicted an embarrassing defeat on the Government over a delay by the Chancellor in implementing the £1.5bn cut in national insurance contributions for the

Senior Treasury sources confirmed last night that Gordon Brown will overturn the defeat when the Social Security to account." Bill returns to the Commons, but it gives the Chancellor the by 146 votes to 115 risks intenpotentially embarrassing problem of explaining to his own backbenchers why he needs to delay the cuts in NICs promised in the Budget.

The Tory defeat of the Government would force Mr Brown to implement the cut without delay, costing the Treasury Lord Cranborne, the Tory around £1.5bn, which has not been budgeted for. A Treasury source said it was clear at the ness if they choose to. time of the Budget that the promise to lift all NICs from the first £81 in weekly pay would have to wait until after the introduction of other complicated tax changes, including the introduction of family tax cred-

dismissed by Lord Higgins, a former Treasury minister who told peers that the Chancellor had never mentioned delaying the cut in NICs in his Budget statement. The shadow chancellor, Peter Lilley, weighed in last night, saying the Tory defeat of the Government would save every employee £1.35 a week.

Iain Duncan Smith, the Tory spokesman on social security, said: "The Chancellor gave everyone the impression that he was going to cut NICs and it was not until he went before a select committee that he started to backtrack.

"This goes right to the heart low-paid promised in the Bud- of government - it is all about resentation over substance. They say one thing and do another. He has misled the British public, and we are holding him

> But the government defeat sifying the war of words between the Tory and Government front benches over the Government's determination to reform the Lords. By inflicting the defeat, the Tories emphasised their power over the Lords and reinforced the threat this week by leader of the Lords, that they could block Government busi-

The defeat will make the Government even more determined to abolish the right of hereditary peers - who help to bolster the Tory majority in the Lords - to sit and vote in the Upper Chamber.

A furious Liberal Democrat That version of events was source said: "The Tories are playing ducks and drakes with the Government. They knew that the House would be relatively empty because of the local elections, and they have used guerrilla tactics to defeat the Government."

It was Government's 19th Lords defeat since it came to



Ballot time: The Prime Minister, Tony Blair, with his wife, Cherie, leaving a central London polling station yesterday as voting got underway for local council elections and the referendum on the capital's first elected mayor Photograph: AP | the persons of the older gener-

It is a sin to be old in New Labour, says Austin Mitchell

TONY BLAIR was yesterday accused of ageism for preferring young ministers to older hands with more experience by a Labour MP who compared New Labour to "a children's crusade". Austin Mitchell, one of the veteran Labour backbench MPs who has never been given office, said in Oldie magazine that older people were now regarded as "useless" by

the Blair camp. "To be old is a bit of an inconvenience," said the 63-yearold MP for Great Grimsby. "Compulsory rejuvenation" had got off to a bad start, he added. Youngsters have made the biggest messes. Gordon Brown locked the Government into the coming deflation, Peter Mandelson brings the Dome disaster, and Harriet Harman social insecurity. His salvo may be regarded as sour grapes but its timing was regarded as unhelpful, coming on the day of local elections, Labour's first real test since the general election.

"New Labour is a children's crusade led by the early middle-aged, advised by freshfaced boy wonders - all slimline, coutured and coiffured to look younger than their eyes. To be old is a bit of an inconvenience," Mr Mitchell said. The old just did not figure in Tony Blair's world, he went on.

"New Labour is glamour, excitement, cool Britannia, impetus and image but Labour's oldies have been wearied and worn down by the task of pushing the party uphill." New Labour would not reward long service to old Labour: "In this new world the wisdom, the experience, the loyalties and even

ation are useless." Many Labour MPs "who offered experience and a safe pair of trousers" had been left grumbling on the shelf. "So where now before the grave? Normally oldies soldier on to semi-retirement in the Lords, but that

now looks less attractive. "So does the increasingly pressured House of Commons, controlled by bleeper, coached by fax and disciplined by incompetent young whips who



a 'children's crusade'

think a majority of 180 needs the right discipline of one of 10. "Today's parliamentary life is harder and more competitive

as the treadmill moves faster."

The Independent has learned that some younger ministers admit to being "knackered" by the weight of work in government. One government source said: "The main problem is we don't have any time for reflection. There is a completely different culture in government. In opposition, we socialised together and took quite important decisions verbally, but that has all changed. We are being weighed down by the weight of the bureaucracy." Exhausted ministers, page 21

Salmond urges Blair to give him civil-service briefings

By Colin Brown

THE leader of Scottish Nationalists, Alex Salmond, yesterday cashed in on his party's surge in support in an opinion poll by calling on Tony Blair to Official Opposition. Therefore, give him civil-service briefings before the elections for the Scottish Parliament.

have never been given access before to the kind of briefings Mr Blair enjoyed when he was the leader of the Official Opposition. The parliamentary leader of the SNP, Margaret Ewing, said: "We asked for civil-service briefings last year like those Tony Blair had before the last election and we got a resounding no but opinion polls have changed things. We should not be denied that kind of access.

ing to be elected as a government, even if we won all the seats in Scotland, but we could form the administration in Scotland, or at the very least be the we think it is right we should have briefings."

Mr Salmond yesterday asked He and the six SNP MPs in writing to the Prime Minister for the SNP be briefed on formulation of legislation on a number of issues.

Mr Salmond said: "The practice of opposition politicians receiving confidential briefings from the civil service, and working with them to make initial preparations for the implementation of their policies, is an accepted part of democratic politics in the UK.

"Indeed, Tony Blair had the

In the past we were never go- advantage of such meetings 18 months before the last election. Now, with just over a year to the first sitting of the Scottish Parliament, there is an unanswerable case for the SNP to be given the same rights.

"In areas such as land reform, where there is a clear consensus for change, we would want to work closely with the Scottish Office civil servants to prepare a draft Bill for early introduction in the first session of

the Parliament in 1999." Mr Salmond said his party had made an informal approach to Scottish Secretary Donald Dewar earlier this year, but had been told no such access could be granted before the Scotland Bill had passed through Westminster. That might not be un-

Public services 'bug' warning

THE Government should inject up to £2bn into public sector services to prevent catastrophe as a result of the millennium computer bug, Liberal Democrats urged yesterday.

The party's Treasury spokesman Malcolm Bruce said the Government was not doing enough to tackle the problem and should immediately transfer between £1bn and £2bn from contingency reserves.

He warned: "There is no longer enough time to address the entire problem. Things will go wrong. What we must do now is to try to avoid catastrophe."

In March, Tony Blair, the Prime Minister announced a £97m package of public money to help tackle the problem. Mr Bruce said the Government was expecting public services to absorb the cost of the problem within existing budgets while also achieving political priorities such as National

Health Service waiting lists.

He said: "The most obvious things they will target are life support systems but what about air traffic control systems, social services, local authority emergency services? "There is a lot of evidence to suggest that there is a lot

of panic in the middle ranks of the civil service but it has not permeated upwards," he added

Mr Bruce said the Government must heed warnings from computer experts about the scale of the problem, estimated to cost £3bn to correct in the public sector. His plan of action included drawing up contingency plans for hospitals, energy supply and emergency services.

Lib Dems seek state funds

THE Liberal Democrats yesterday protested at receiving only one-quarter of the state cash given to the Tories for their parliamentary work and demanded the same core funding.

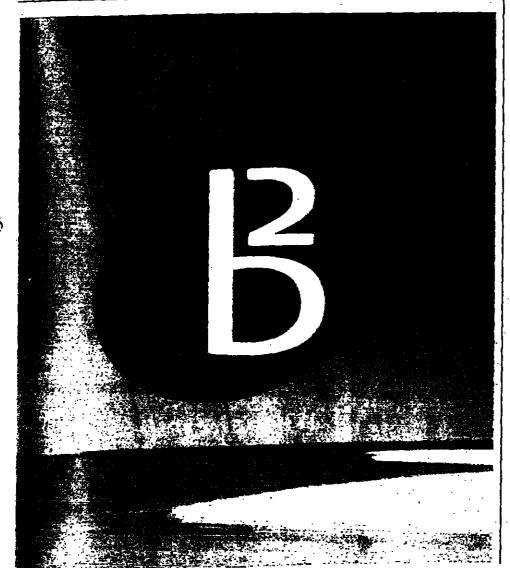
The party's chief whip, Paul Tyler, said his party had to scrutinise the work of every government department, just like the Conservatives, yet this was "barely possible with such lim-

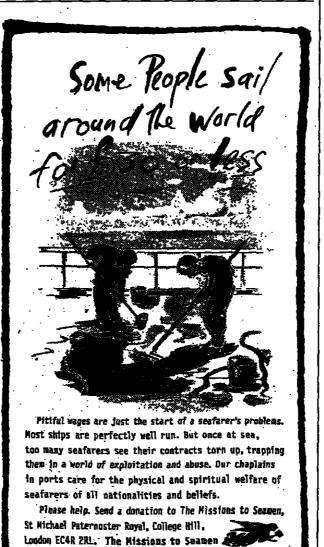
support their opposition work in parliament: the Liberal Democrats are getting just £400,000.

Mr Tyler, giving evidence to the Neill committee on standards in public life, which is investigating funding of parties, said extra funds should be given to any party which sought to shadow the work of all government departments. But he conceded that

ceiving £1.6m of public money to toral support the opposition parties won at the previous general election. The Liberal Democrats, with 46 MPs, have only around one-quarter as many as the Tories, with 162.

Meanwhile, Tory Euro-MP Anne McIntosh warned of the danger of weakening democracy if there was state funding of political parties, which she said would be "counterproductive to ited resources". This financial there should be a top up on the the aim of broadening the fiyear the Conservatives are re- core funding to reflect the elec- nancial base of political parties".







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Gang's plan to 'pop' a Picasso

A CRIMINAL gang believed £70,000 "proceeds" in a carrisecurity at Christie's was so lax er bag. He denies conspiring to an insider could "pop" a Picasso into a crate and walk out with it, a court heard yesterday.

An undercover policeman said he was told the £300,000 Tête de Mousquetaire would be replaced with a fake so the theft would not be discovered straight away. The officer, testifying against the former cat burglar Peter Scott, 67, told London's Snaresbrook Crown Court that in the end a plan to get hold of the painting came to nothing after it was decided it would be "too risky".

But not long afterwards he was told a more valuable Picasso, Tête de Femme, was available. The court has heard it was stolen during a raid in March last year at Lefevre Gallery. Mayfair. A deal was struck but during a "sale" at the Sherlock Holmes Hotel, police swooped and arrested Mr Scott as he allegedly walked away with

handle stolen goods. When arrested, he insisted he was an "innocent go-between": a man he refused to identify had given him a suitcase, revealed it contained a painting, and ordered him to give it to Ronald Spring. He denied opening or looking in the case and denied taking hold of the bag of money.

But Mr Spring, 69, a former legal executive turned property dealer, who was the officer's unsuspecting contact during the undercover operation and has admitted his part in the conspiracy, has said Mr Scott was a main player in the operation.

The officer, known only as Patrick, told how he posed as a crooked dealer. "It was said that movement of paintings was done by Group 4 security but for members of staff it would just be possible to pop it into a crate and walk out with it." The case continues.



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Churches close their doors to paedophile

By Clare Garner

A CONVICTED paedophile who has been banned from churches across South Yorkshire yesterday branded his exclusion as the product of "phobia and hysteria".

In an unprecedented move, the Church of England has decided that Michael Cope, 49, should be denied entry to Sheffield Cathedral or any other church in the diocese in order to protect children in the congregation.

If the ban fails, the Church will consider taking out an injunction against him.

Police and social services in Sheffield alerted the Church to the fact that Mr Cope, who is single and who has lived in the Broomhill area of the city for 20 years, had become a regular attender at Sheffield Cathedral. Details about Mr Cope, along with copies of his photograph, have been circulated to neighbouring areas so that he can be identified if he tries to go to church.

Mr Cope was last convicted in 1995, when he was jailed for 18 months for indecently assaulting a boy who was taking part in an opera production at a theatre. In 1988 he was jailed for nine months for indecently assaulting three choirboys. He said that the church ban

was based on a fear of paedophiles which was often misguided. "I think it is phobia and hysteria," Mr Cope said. "It is not really related to my actions. There is a general climate not helped by the press. I have spent so many years regretting that this happened and that people were upset. I do accept that I broke the law - I am not claiming otherwise."

He added that he had no immediate plans to contact the diocese. "I am going to wait. It will be a hardship of course, but it looks like I will not be going to church."

A spokesman for the diocese of Sheffield said that the possible risk. Church was an inclusive organisation and would not normally wish to ban anyone, but that it was forced to so in this case for the sake of children.

"We can confirm that steps are being taken to exclude a man from Sheffield Cathedral and all church services in

Sheffield Diocese where children might be present," he

This action was taken in accordance with the diocese of Sheffield's child-protection policy and in full collaboration with the police, social services and probation service. A professional assessment of the level of risk to children indicated that this action was required to protect children - this must be a primary consideration of the

A spokesman for the General Synod, the Church of England's ruling body, said: "As far as we are aware, it is an unprecedented move.

"This is clearly the Church taking steps to safeguard those in its care. The safety of children is of paramount importance."

Detective Superintendent Bob Purdy, deputy head of South Yorkshire CID, said: "We think this is a matter for the Church. Child protection is a

'it is an unprecedented move. The Church is taking steps to safeguard those children in its care'

key issue and safety of the community is a major concern.

"The Sex Offenders Act reguires that convicted offenders must register, and there are obvious benefits for the people and other agencies of being aware where they are rather than driving them underground."

Jayne Moules, director of ChildLine Yorkshire and North East, said there was a fine line between hounding someone and informing society of a

She welcomed any coordinated approach which would protect children from people who are known paedophiles, but stressed that the vast majority of calls to ChildLine revealed that most sex abuse was not committed by strangers to the abused children.

DAILY POEM

The Dead Canary (after Catullus: Funus Passeris)

By D'Arcy Wentworth (1829-1902)

Wee bit birdie's dead and gane, The pet o' my ain dearie O. And now is journeyin' all alane The road so dark and dreary O. The road that maun be trod by all O'mortal men and birdies O.

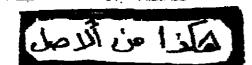
Sweet birdie kenn'd his mistress weel, Her face fra ilka ither O. As weel as e'er my lassie kenn'd The face o' her ain mither O, And nestled in her breast, he'd pipe And cheep the hour thegither O.

Ah birdie, what for was thy life, Thy puir bu life sae fleetin O. Tis a' for thee my dearie's een Are red and sair wi' greetin' O, Tis a' for thee thae bonny een Are red and sair wi' greetin O.

"The Dead Canary" comes from Pembroke Poets, edited by Robert Macfarlane and David Quentin. This anthology, published to mark the 650th anniversary of Pembroke College, Cambridge, consists of work by poets who have been members of the college, from Edmund Spenser and Thomas Gray to Ted Hughes and Clive James.

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Death toll rises in Italian disaster

Three days after a sea of mud engulfed Samo, rescue work continues, but with little co-ordination. Anne Hanley reports

THERE is a series of wide gashes in the mountains which tower above Sarno, great valleys of fresh dark brown earth plunging towards the town and

its surrounding villages. through the Below in Sarno, the earth day night. does not stop. It is banked high along the fronts of houses and shops, mixed with tree trunks, garden chairs, and all the detritus of a town engulfed.

Beneath that mud, the 3,000 rescue workers who are feverishly digging with spades and bulldozers fear, there may be dozens of bodies. The mud has dried now and solidified, almost certainly trapping anyone caught in it. The search has been aided by sniffer dogs brought in from Austria.

Officials say they believe 54 people died in the disaster, though the figure cannot be verified until soldiers have finished searching for another 70 still missing (though locals believe that figure is much higher), including children and whole families feared to have been buried alive.

On a street corner on the outskirts of the village of Episcopio, a mother and grandmother wept ecstatically as police unloaded a bemused teenager from their jeep.

"They are still bringing people down by the dozen," said a much co-ordination here" she woman whose bar somehow remains open, despite having had its front shutters destroyed by the force of the onslaught. and having been without water for three days. "They come down by car or are hauled out by helicopter. Thankfully, a lot of them are still alive."

Helicopters circled ceaselessly, combing the flat roof tops for signs of life in what is now a ghost town. Only rescue workers and police are allowed past the barricades. Even ambulances are confined to the huge fruit market on the edge of town. There, the helicopters land regularly, offloading stretcher cases, who are ferried to hospitals in neighbouring towns.

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her Francis Passens:

The stark bulk of Sarno's own hospital is clearly visible high up the hill behind the town; six people lost their lives there as the landslide crashed through the building on Mon-

In a hut marked "bar" by the perimeter fence of the market, a field hospital has been set up and mainly elderly people dazed by the disaster, are having bruises treated. Across the car park, girl guides do battle with a single temperamental computer. striking off names of people admitted to hospital from the list of people still unaccounted for.

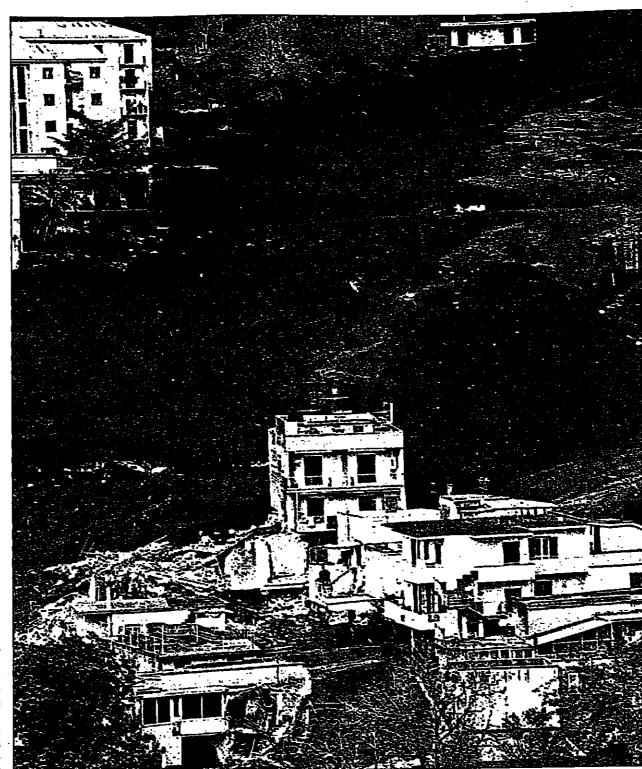
"Last I heard, we were still looking for 150 people here" said Samo's deputy mayor, Maria Diodato. "But the situa-tion is so confused, that it's impossible to give definite figures."

Mrs Diodato is surrounded by a frantic crowd in a huge barnlike structure in the market area, where the homeless are being given food, blankets and clothes and directed towards schools where a camp bed might be available. She is having trouble with a caterer who has 300 meals ready but hasn't been told where to deliver them, and a cook with 3,000 rescue workers to feed but no food in his kitchen.

"As you can sec, there's not says, clearly exasperated. "The interior ministry has sent people down, but they don't know the situation on the ground; they can't really appreciate the extent of the problem. Yet they expect us to take a back seat and follow orders." As she speaks, a motorcade

draws up outside, blue lights flashing. Senate speaker Nicola Mancino has arrived, as has a delegation from the Left Democratic Party, the biggest element in the coalition government.

Crowds of curious locals surge around them, ousting journalist from impromptu press conferences which, how-



A mudslide covers part of Samo, where rescue workers were still digging for scores of people feared buried Photograph: Reuters

despite the bustle of rescue are brought to safety. operations, there is a curious quiet. The sun is out and residents line the mud filled streets. They looked bewildered,

of helicopters. Back in Sarno, scene to see if missing relations

"There was all that fuss about the earthquakes in Umbria" says the woman in the bar. "But that was nothing. When and poor planning. The stairway ever, are drowned out by the din exhausted, as they watch the that mountain came plunging of the hospital in Samo collapsed a mobile telephone.

down, I thought it was the end of the world."

Some experts attributed the region's fragility to mass construction, poor infrastructure

when the torrent hit the building side-on and five medical staff were feared buried in the ruins, including a doctor, Vincenzo di Maro. His wife waited anxiously in the town centre, clutching

French suspend trains carrying nuclear waste

By John Lichfield in Paris

ALL French trains carrying nuclear waste have been cancelled following revelations that they have consistently shattered European safety limits for the past seven years.

The Prime Minister, Lionel Jospin, has demanded an urgent report on the affair, which has provoked a press outcry against the sloppiness and arrogance of the French nuclear industry.

According to internal studies leaked to the Libération newspaper, wagons carrying nuclear waste to La Hague plant, on the Cotentin peninsula - opposite the Isle of Wight are frequently contaminated.

The external casing of "secure" rail containers, and even the wagons, are often stained with traces of nuclear materials, at up to 50 times the official safety limit and on one occasion at 500 times the limit.

The three publicly owned companies which are responsible for generating electricity, transporting and processing waste were all aware of the problem but did not inform the government, or the French railway company, the SNCF.

As a result, a dozen railshipments at a depot in Normandy in the past few years may have been exposed to dangerously high levels of radiation.

The Environment Minister, Dominique Voynet – who is also leader of the Green party and a campaigner against the French nuclear industry - described the revelations as "shocking" and "unacceptable".

She said the industry, which has long been a by-word for secrecy and political stringpulling, must now realise "openness is the price of its survival".

Greenpeace has revealed in recent months that the large waste-processing complex at La Hague has been breaching its own, and official, safety guidelines in its discharges into

the Channel.

The former environment minister Corinne Lepage - a centre-right politician, not a Green - has just written a damning book, called We can do nothing, Madame le Ministre. detailing her failing struggles to bring the nuclear industry to ac-

count. "It is difficult to imagine, until one has seen the system functioning from the inside, the extent to which the state has become the prisoner of the

[nuclear] lobby," she said. The plant at La Hague receives 1,200 tonnes of nuclear material a year from the 57



Voynet: 'Shocked

French nuclear power plants, plus waste materials from Germany and Switzerland

All of this material crosses waymen who have handled the France by rail, in special sealed containers. There is no suggestion the containers are leaking. They are "splashed" with nu-

clear materials, especially cobalt 60 and caesium 137, while they are being loaded. The suspicion is that the official cleansing procedures are inadequate or patchily applied.

The industry has played down the importance of the findings. There is no suggestion that anyone has been exposed to dangerous levels of radiation. says Jean-Louis Ricaud, the head of Transnucléaire, the company which is responsible for transporting the waste.

"Should we have to reveal to the public the slightest little problem, as soon as it is signalled to the authorities, even if it presents no public danger?"

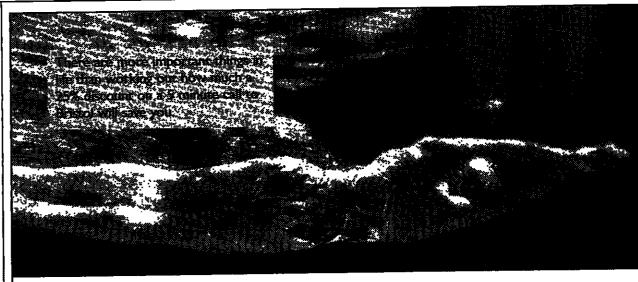


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Bitter Indonesians vent fury at failing dictator

By Richard Lloyd Parry in Medan, Indonesia

AT THE height of this week's riots in the city of Medan the crowds of looters forced their way through the reinforced shutters of motorcycle show rooms. The bikes, brand new Hondas and Suzukis, would be the pride of any Indonesian

kampong, the poor urban

neighbourhoods from which

most of the rioters had come. But the looters did not steal them, or even write them off in a joy ride. They simply doused them in petrol and set fire to them on the spot. Nothing could better symbolise the nihilism of the Medan riots than those burnt-out skeletons

still visible around the city. Yesterday, after three days central areas of Medan, the police and army had regained the upper hand. Soldiers and racist, aimed almost exclusive-

armoured cars mounted with store for the country as a whole, cannons trundled along the Indonesia's future is grim. street where the worst of the looting had taken place.

military commander, General Wiranto, denied that anyone had died when the police and

The shops, and many homes in the city, fall into two types. There were no reports of Those open for business are shooting in Jakarta, Indonesia's adorned with advertisements they are not Chinese-owned. Some householders have rugs army fired rubber and live draped from their balconies lobbies in their designer casu-

The protests were a statement of frustration by people allowed no other way to express their anger

waste, bitterness and alarming rounds the day before. The bearing lines from the Koran. chief of police in North Suma- Most have handwritten signs reading: "Muslim shop", "Na-tive Indonesian Shop", "Shop tra was more cautious; he insisted there were "not many" fatalities; a local paper put the Owned By One Who Has Done during which they lost control of number at six dead. When loot- The Haj". Chinese shops, the ing did take place yesterday, it was desultory, pointless and locked, shuttered and abandoned. Many, if not burnt out,

A further glimpse of Indonesia's potential future could be found in the city's hotels and airports. The former are bustling, partly with journalists who have flown in to cover the making clear the crucial that mayhem, but mostly with families of well-off local Chinese, standing nervously around the als, thinking unhappily of the homes which they have abandoned, just a few miles away. Yesterday, the flights from Medan to Jakarta and to Singapore were similarly crammed.

Until last Sunday, Medan was the centre of political protests by university students, but overnight it changed. The riots were triggered on Monday when the cost of fuel went up by 70 per cent - but for many of those who participated, the protests were not even about food and rising prices, and they majority in some streets, are are not about revolution. They were simply a statement of frustration by people ruled by Subarto, a failing dictator who



Out of step: A military bandsman dancing during rehearsals of a Ukrainian honorary guard orchestra in Klev yesterday. They will perform at celebrations this weekend to mark victory in the Second Word War Photograph: AP



Bank chief reignites row

WIM DUISENBERG, set to become the first president of the European Central Bank, delighted MEPs but reignited the debate over last weekend's health, then yes". Brussels summit deal yesterday by reminding the French that it contains no date for his deparnire from office.

The Dutchman scorned EU leaders who appointed him for what he labelled an "absurd" that his successor in running the single currency must be French.

And he "deplored" the fact have gone into circulation. that nationality was implicitly one of the criteria for selecting main for longer than the four plause from MEPs.

years the French claim he has been given. Asked during a confirmation hearing at the European Parliament whether he could stay on in the job for the full eight-year term if he wanted he replied "Given good

His remarks under cross-examination by members of the parliament's monetary affairs committee will be seen as provocative in Paris, where interpretation of the deal is that he has to cede to the French political fix which guarantees central-bank governor, Jean-Claude Trichet, by July 2002, when euro notes and coins

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Mr Duisenberg admitted he had come under intense presthe next central-bank head. sure during the summit to com-Playing up the ambiguity of the mit himself to a specific fudge which emerged after the departure date, in breach of the stand-off between the French Maastricht Treaty. "That is why and German leaders, Mr it took so long on Saturday. I Duisenberg, 62, said it was "not consistently refused to do so." impossible" that he would re- he explained to sustained ap-

Chirac and Kohl kiss and make up

By John Lichfield in Paris

QUARREL, what quarrel? Like a married couple refusing to admit their differences in public, France and Germany yesterday put on a show of unruffled European solidarity.

After a summit in Avignon, President Jacques Chirac and Chancellor Helmut Kohl refused to dwell on their unseemly dispute over the leadership of the European Central Bank which poisoned the European Union summit in Brussels last weekend. They announced their intention to return to normal Franco-German business by promising joint proposals for the reform of EU institutions before the next European summit, in Cardiff in June.

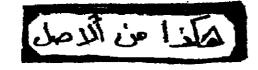
The French prime minister, Lionel Jospin, even implied -

for the Brussels bust-up should be laid at the door at Downing Street. He said action must be taken to ensure such meetings are better prepared in future, a dig at Britain and Tony Blair, who organised the summit as current holders of the rotating

presidency of the EU council. The carefully stage-managed display of friendship in Avignon was, in a sense, not a show but a recognition of a reality temporarily forgotten last weekend. France and Germany are condemned to get on, even if they need to let off steam occasionally; and even if the relationship is not as solid as it once was.

President Chirac went as close as he could to endorsing the Chancellor for re-election this Autumn. "We need for a long time to come the Chanceldisingenuosly-that the real fault lor's European vision," he said.







Film star cast as winner in Filipino poll

Joseph Estrada has against the big, bad guys. His campaign, under the slogan used his heroic screen persona to win the votes of the poor, reports. Stephen Vines

MANILA - It hot, it's noisy, the main attraction is running about five hours late, the singers have belted out their all, the comedians have frolicked and the break dancers have, well, broken. Welcome to a typical Philippines election rally.

No one can accuse Filipinos of not enjoying their democratic system of government. They vote in large numbers, accept piles of cash for doing so and attend rallies with the sort of enthusiasm normally reserved for pop concerts. This, in part, is because Philippines political rallies are pop concerts and because Filipinos just love to be around celebrities. There are even some who are keen on politics. After more than three years

of campaigning the Philippines presidential election is gushing into the home run before voters go to the polls on Monday. All the hot money, and some of make a splashy entrance at it is very hot indeed, is on Vice-President Joseph Estrada romping home to victory.

Mr Estrada, more usually known as Erap, is a former movie star who meandered

"Erap for the poor", mirrors his screen persona but with slightly more drama. On a typically clammy night this week Erap made his way to a rally in the down-at-heel town of Valenzuela, just north of the capital Manila. The audience were Erap's sort of people. Mainly poor, not vastly sophisticated and eager for entertainment.

Not only are Filipinos electing a new president they are also going to the polls to fill 17,505 other local and national positions. Over 100,000 candidates are involved in this process. Local rallies give the hoi polloi a chance to mingle with the big league candidates. They provide the warm up acts. What is striking is that none of them uses notes, nor appear at a loss for words as they stomp around the stage extolling their achievements and the considerable merits of their team mates. The absence of a script may be explained by the lack of requirement to remember little policy details, because these are never mentioned. Instead the candidates pledge to "serve the people", or "stand up for the poor", or "fight corruption" and, of course, "love the Philippines".

Candidates running for the Congress or the Senate like to these rallies and are announced with the accompaniment of their campaign theme songs. Reuben Torres has harnessed Village People's "YMCA" to his campaign, Senator "Bong" Biacross the silver screen playing azon, a man of military bearing, the little guy fighting for justice has appropriated "Colonel Bo-



gey" while Erap makes an entrance to "Ob-la-di-ob-la-da". The speeches almost always

begin with a long recitation of hand out both the rewards and the names of the local candidates running on the ticket and a special mention for the mayor, especially if he or she hap-

pens to be in office. They know candidate everyone was waiting that the mayors control the for was Erap. The hefty former vote-gathering machine and matinee idol was clearly whacked. It was comfortably afpunishments to the long list of ter midnight before he slowly lower-grade officials who demounted the stage. pend on city hall for preferment.

At the Valenzuela rally the

mounted. "Erap, Erap", they crowd. The old stager hadn't lost tough on corruption, tough on as such.

plastic seat. Another singer was and gave his winsome smile ple of numbers. Finally the and then got into his stride.

chanted as he slumped into a it. He hunched over the lectern wheeled out to belt out a cou- made self deprecating remarks great man rose, clutched the Long on promises and short on lectern and was transformed as details, he made it clear that an The enthusiasm of the crowd he soaked up the energy of the Estrada administration will be

Showmen: Joseph Estrada (left), usually known as Erap, with his vicepresidential running mate Edgardo Angara, enjoying the pop-concert atmosphere of a Philippines election rally

Photograph: Popperfoto/Reuters

crime, good to the poor and, well, better all round.

The routine goes down like a warm, comforting syrup. The bits the crowd really like are when he makes jokes about his poor English, which is not really as poor as he makes out, but mirrors their own frustration coping with the language bequeathed by the American colonialists, which remains an

official language of the nation. Erap proves that he is one of the people, sharing their difficulties in dealing with the English speaking rich and powerful but shrugging it off with a joke. The election is not supposed to be a joke but it becomes a bit

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Bishop kills himself over religious law

By Marcus Tanner

A CATHOLIC bishop in Pakistan has shot himself to death in protest against the death sentence pronounced on a Mohammed and allegedly praising the author Salman Rushdie.

Bishop John Joseph, 67, took his own life after leading a procession to the court of Sahiwal town in the Punjab, where Ayub Masih, a Catholic, was given the death sentence.

Masih, 25, was sentenced un-

der laws introduced by the country's former President, General Zia, in the early Nineties, and which outlaw remarks offensive to the majority Muslim faith. Masih's crimes included speaking favourably of the author of The Satanic Firses, still under a death penalty by Iranian religious leaders. Joseph, bishop of Faisalabad near Lahore since 1981, had already publicly opposed

the blasphemy laws, and was said to have been distraught over the latest verdict, which he thought confirmed his worst suspicions about the law. First, it was simply the word of one Muslim against one Christian, in which the former was given priority. Second, he feared the shall have to offer."

motive was a plot by local Muslims to drive Masih and his Christian neighbours off their land. Last month, after the verdict was delivered, the bishop warned he was preparing to Christian for defaming make an "astonishing" protest. Yesterday he returned to the court building accompanied by another priest, whom he told to wait outside. The bishop went in, and in a dark corridor, shot

himself. His hizarre death has shocked not only Pakistan's 2 million or so Christians, who make up only a tiny proportion of Pakistan's 135 million population, but the country's human rights groups as well. "His [the bishop's] decision has taken away the best of the best from the human rights movement in Pakistan," said Peter Jacob, a Catholic spokesman.

In a letter to a newspaper, which was published yesterday, the bishop urged Muslims, as well as his fellow Christians and minority faiths, to protest against the blasphemy laws: "We must act strongly in unity, Christians and Muslims, in order not only to get this [Masih's] death sentence suspended but to get [legal articles] 295 B and C repealed without worrying about the sacrifices we

Suspected serial killer held

ITALIAN police said yesterday they had arrested a man "strongly suspected" of murdering six prostitutes along the Italian Riviera in the past year. Donato Bilancia, 47, was arrested in the Mediterranean port of Genoa on Wednesday.

Danish law to end strike

THE Danish parliament prepared yesterday to pass legislation to end the country's biggest strike in 13 years, and more than 450,000 people on strike or locked out were expected back at work by Monday. The government moved on Wednesday to work by industry, which has manufacturing industry, construction and transport since 27 April. — Reuters, Copenhagen

British 'plot against Nigeria'

NIGERIA's military dictatorship accused Britain and other Westem powers of sponsoring street protests and plotting to destabilise the regime. Foreign Affairs minister Tom Ikimi alleged that Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, had approached US and Canadian officials earlier this week to aid a subversive campaign against General Sani Abacha's government --- AP, Lagos

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South African rugby plunged into crisis as Luyt refuses to quit

in Johannesburg

THE FUTURE of South African rugby was in crisis last night after the country's white rugby supremo Louis Luyt refused to resign despite a demand by more than half his executive that he go to avert an international boycott.

In an ominous split along racial lines, the four black members of the executive of the South African Rugby Football Union (Sarfu) resigned after the notoriously stubborn Big Louis, Sarfu president, refused to follow the majority decision.

As a National Sports Council deadline for the resignation of Luyt and his executive expired, the rugby president also refused to support a decision of his executive to apologise to President Nelson Mandela for what they called his "humiliating" appearance in court last month after a judge insisted he appear in person to defend his decision to order an inquiry into allegations of racism and graft

Luyt refused to allow a government inquiry. Although Sarfu won its court battle with the government it was widely predicted that it would lose the



Holding on: Rugby supremo Louis Luyt refuses to resign

the president of the Sports rather than sport. Council, said that the council's threat to invoke an international boycott still stood, after Luyt refused to quit.

A boycott would jeopardispromised sponsorship in South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, and throw international competition into disarray.

Mr Luyt started the day with in typical swaggering style, telling a breakfast meeting organised by a business publication that he would not resign and that the row between him and President Mandela's gov-

With international isolation again looming for a sport which in the apartheid era earned a reputation for attracting racist and right-wing supporters, Luyt es millions of pounds of said little to take the racial sting out of the confrontation.

> lawless society? Because that's what we are, you know," he said to the foud applause of the audience of white, middle-aged

Luyt said that the bitter row Sarfu but about Louis Luyt. "This was about someone being Last night Muleki George. erament was to do with race in the way, and, let me tell you, rested squarely with Mr Layt.

I intend to be in the way for a long time to come," he said. He added that he would bow before no man - presumably not even President Mandela - only to God.

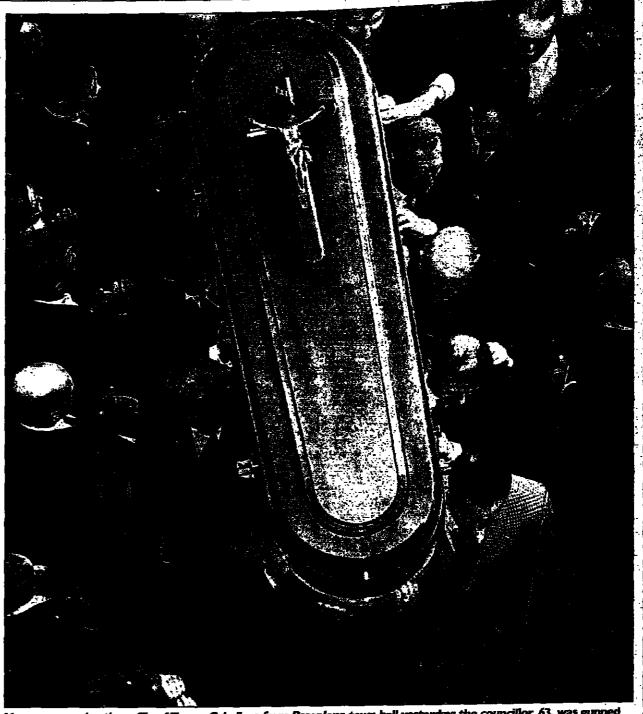
But last night, at the end of the Sarfu executive meeting, the usually bullish Luyt looked uncharacteristically shellshocked It is unlikely that he expected that eight of the 14 affiliated provincial rugby unions would turn against him.

The fear now is that the row over rugby's apparent failure to reach out to the black majority will spill over into an even more overtly racial conflict.

. Mr George has warned that protesters will block any tours planned in South Africa by Ireland, England and Wales which begin later this month; though it is doubtful that they would attempt to ignore a boycott urged by President Mandela.

For big sponsors like Rupert Murdoch, who are funding the multi-million pound Tri-Nations competition between South Africa, New Zealand and Australia a fortune is at risk.

Silas Nkanunu, Sarfu senior vice president and one of the four executive members to resign, said last night that the prospect for rugby was now "gloom" and that the blame



Mourners carrying the coffin of Tomas Caballero from Pampiona town hall yesterday; the councillor, 63, was gunned down on Wednesday in what police believe was an attack by Eta, the Basque terrorist group

Sierra Leone success embarrasses Britain

By Steve Crawshaw

A GOOD argument can be made for saying it is all Britain's fault. Britain ought to admit it, and say sorry.

The sin is not what the country may have known about plans to overthrow the (illegal) government of Sierra Leone. The real crime is different: Britain voted in favour of a United Nations arms embargo which made it difficult for the rightful goverument of the country legally to seize control once more.

Paradoxically, Britain may have taken a moral action - but illegally, and therefore is unable to defend it publicly, Bruce George, Labour chairman of the Commons defence select com-



Kabbah: Back in control

mittee, noted yesterday: "The right thing happened in the end. An illegitimate government was ousted and a legitimate government was re-established." Which

much more robust defence of the of the country's involvement, us- there was no contradiction in condemning the junta. Amnesty end result than can be heard from the Foreign Office.

power in Freetown, Britain made clear its support for the ousted government - including inviting President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah to the Commonwealth summit in Edinburgh at the end of last year. But it found itself stymied by the UN arms embargo, unable officially to support a forcible change of government back to the status quo ante. The result is confusion, with a government unwilling to be open about its involvement,

ready to put bizarre pressure on rians - the pariah state of the ment in May 1997. Human rights are being followed.

ing phrases like "between you and your conscience". That While the junta was still in phrase can make sense when human life might be put at risk by the publication of a story. In this

case, the only risk was to the

Government's self-esteem, Nobody has suggested it acted evilly, merely that it broke the rules it had helped to create. The ironies of the removal ready clear enough, even as the junta was driven out in Febru- to the end result. ary. Nigerian troops led the West African peacekeeping let alone defend it.

Sierra Leone while at the same time denying all possibility of democracy at home. Now there is a double irony

as the British government, which has been one of the sharpest critics of General Sanni Abacha's regime in Nigeria and one of the strongest supporters of President Kabbah, finds itself embarrassed of the military junta of Major by its own connection with the Johnny Paul Koroma were al- return of democracy. It feels un-

Sierra Leone was only just emerging from a prolonged civforce which helped to drive il war when the military seized

is true enough, although it is a journalists not to publish details Commonwealth – insisted that organisations were unanimous in helping to restore democracy in International talked of a "complete collapse" of the rule of law. Arbitrary arrests, torture and killings were routine.

The retreating forces of Major Koroma's Armed Forces Revolutionary Council are reported still to be carrying out atrocities in the east, including limbs chopped off civilians. President Kabbah may be no

gel but he is much better than what went before. His governable to defend itself by pointing ment has made commitments to respect human rights. Supporters of the military regime have been charged with treason and murder, but Amnesty be-British officials have been out the old regime. The Nige- power from the elected govern- lieves that "proper procedures"

her 'violent' lover ponies. He developed into a sucin Washington

arms dealer shot

Wealthy daughter of

SHE was born into a family that specialised in death, and death on an industrial scale. But Susan Cummings' father merely provided the technology: she shot her boyfriend.

The heiress to Sam mings, the world's most famous and successful arms dealer, called police on 7 September to report "a shot man". Villegas in a pool of blood in the kitchen, with four bullet wounds from a 9mm Walther pistol.

There is no question that she fired that gun. What is at issue is why she did it. When her trial opened in Warrenton, Virginia on Wednesday Ms Cummings, 35, pleaded not guilty to firstdegree murder and the unlawful use of a firearm to commit a crime. Her case is that she acted in self-defence.

Villegas, 38, made an unlikely partner for such a wealthy woman. The son of poor farmers from the Argentine pampas. he came to the United States in

cessful professional, and met Ms Cummines at the local polo club in the summer of 1995. She invited him to coach a polo team on her estate, and they became lovers. Cummings lavished attention and money on Villegas, buying him polo ponies at £10,000 a time. Prosecutor Kevin Casey ar-

gues that the romance had turned sour, and that Cummings shot Villegas in a fit of jealousy. When they arrived at her 350- Blair Howard, her defence acre estate, they found Roberto lawyer, says that Villegas was a dangerous man with a fierce temper who would draw his knife when things turned nasty. "I treat my women and my horses the same way ... if I can't break them I kill them," Howard quoted Villegas as saying once in a fit of anger.

Cummings' family was hardly a stranger to death. Her father, Sam Cummings, who died in Monaco last week was a former CIA operative. He traded weapons to anyone who could buy through Interarms arms trading company. One of his most successful product lines was a hand gun which he imported 1985 as a groom for polo into the US: the 9mm Walther.

'Racing certainty' that MI6 knew details of Sandline operation

By Fran Abrams and Andrew Buncombe

BRITISH mercenaries who helped orlinks with the intelligence community, it emerged last night.

Intelligence Service did not know about the operation involving Sandline In- the government, but a Customs and Externational, a firm of "military consultants", then its head should be sacked.

If it did, it had a duty to inform the For- experience of military intelligence. eign Secretary of any illegality that was taking place.

The reinstatement of President Ahinto Guinea from Bulgaria via Nigeria apparently broke a United Nations arms MI6-watchers said that if the Secret embargo. Sandline has maintained that it was acting with the approval of

cise investigation has been launched. Senior figures in Sandline have long officials.

An employee of another company run from the same London office is a former senior British diplomat and a ganise a coup in Sierra Leone may have mad Tejan Kabbah using arms flown friend of the British High Commissioner in Sierra Leone, Peter Penfold.

Robin Cook was forced to promise an independent inquiry into the affair this week after it was revealed that Sandline's chief executive, Tim Spicer, met both Mr Penfold and Foreign Office

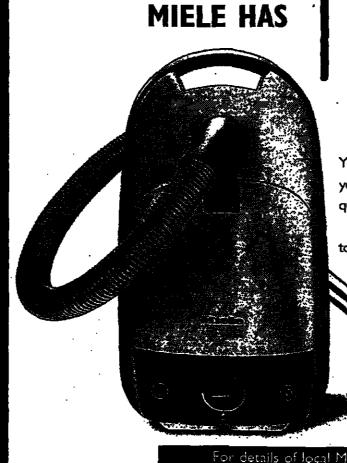
Two key figures in Sandline have Simon Mann, have been involved in long experience of military intellimilitary intelligence. Lt-Col Spicer was gence. Rupert Allason, the former Tory a Staff Office director of Special MP and editor of Intelligence Quarterly, Forces in 1991-92 in charge of "docsaid it was a "racing certainty" that MI6 trine development" and in 1988-89 he knew about the operation.

"If the SIS weren't aware of it then its chief should be sacked. Provided SIS don't become aware of any law-breaking, there would be no reason for it to

intervene." he said. Both Lt-Col Spicer and his deputy,

was responsible for intelligence in the 11th Armoured Brigade in Germany. Simon Mann is a former SAS troop commander specialising in intelligence who has worked as an intelligence ex-





pert in Saudi Arabia, Malaysia and Nigeria, among other countries.

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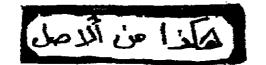
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Family at war

Emotions are running high in the Kureishi household over novelist Hanif's depiction of his parents. David Lister sorts out the facts from the friction

ISTERS! They have this awful and emarrassing habit of telling the truth. So awkard for a writer or artist trying to tell the orld how working-class/unloved/buled/neglected they were in their youth. You ive an interview, write a book, make a ilm, about your traumatic early years. And men along comes your sister, who tells the orld it wasn't like that at all.

Salman Rushdie once wrote how he had the feeling of growing up in quite a hilistine house ... my father bought a brary, he went out and bought someone ise's". Au contraire, responded his baffled ister Sameen, telling the writer Ian lamilton, in a new collection of essays, hat their father "was in his field a very sarned man. People would come to him s an authority." Then there is Shine pianist David Helfgott, chronicling in the Oscarrinning film how he was abused and terorised by his father. Surely some mistake, hirped up his sister indignantly. Their late ther lived on in her memory as a kind nd doting parent.

aler shot

ent lover

And yesterday came the biggest celerity sibling fall-out yet. It followed an in-Immaker Hanif Kureishi. His new book buburbia, is loosely based on his own life. extremely thick skin. But there is more to school, went to art college until the age of in particular," says Hanif, "he was very figure, who leaves the family home to run

No. Correction. They are loosely based on his account of his own life. He told the interviewer how he had lived in a two-up, two-down in the London borough of Bromley with his younger sister Yasmin, their parents and, not infrequently, grandfather, too, whom he describes as "cloth cap, working-class". Ah, he sighs, "When you are older and you go back, you think 'How did we ever live here?"

Quite easily. And quite happily, retorts his sister. In a letter to the same paper yesterday, she delivers a full-frontal invective against her famous older brother. Even by the standards of family rows, this turns out to be strong stuff. Hanif, she implies - no, she states - has falsified their family history to make (yet more) money. She writes: "Does being famous mean you can devalue those around you and rewrite history for even more personal gain? In the article written about my brother, he has sold his family down the line ... We lived in a pleasant semi, down a quiet cul-de-sac in Bromley. My grandfather was not a "cloth cap, working-class" person. He owned three shops locally and he was a kind, warm man."

Auberon Waugh, editor of The Literary Review, yesterday suggested that timacy, just like his acclaimed former Yasmin had failed to develop the pre-



Writer's block Yasmin claims her brother Hanif (above) has rewritten history

Photograph: Peter Macdiarmid

the Hanif/Yasmin falling out than dam- 21; she is an intelligent, articulate and not uncultured person. I am deeply saddened that it should come to this because I have tion of how the one group of people not prepared to mark the distinction befelt so proud of Hanif and his achievements and have followed his success closely." But Yasmin's real anger, it is clear, is

about her brother's recollections of their father. She movingly declares: "The memory of my father I hold very dear and I will do anything in my power to ensure that it is not fabricated for the entertainment of the public or for Hanif's profit, and that the feelings of my mother and I are not hurt more than they have been already."

But examining Hanif's original interview, this cri de coeur from Yasmin appears so, says Yasmin: "My mother never worked a little bewildering. Hanif does not damn the memory of his father. On the contrary, jobs in the beginning, one of which was work he recalls how his father encouraged him ing for about three months in Russell and to be a writer. The interviewer notes how his father as "bitter". True, he paints a pic-Bromley to help pay my school fees, as I went Hanif will only speak of his father in the ture of his father as a frustrated man. But ovel and TV adaptation The Buddha Of requisite of being a novelist's sibling, an to a ballet school. My mother, after she left most courteous and loving way. "For me The Buddha Of Suburbia's hippyish father

devoted." That, interestingly, was a sentence that really stung Yasmin. She retorts: "He certainly wasn't 'particularly devoted to him'. He loved us all equally." Did Hanif stop to think when praising his father by boasting of a uniquely close relationship that his sister might be jealous of that claim?

Yasmin goes on to reveal the pain The Buddha of Suburbia caused to her father, who died five years ago. "He felt that Hanif had robbed him of his dignity and he didn't speak to Hanif for about a year. The description of my father at the end of his life as a 'bitter man' is grossly and cruelly exaggerated. My father led a full and active life. He had his grandson, whom he adored, he had me close by and we used to talk for hours in the garden about writing and life."

Actually, Hanif at no point describes



A SLICE OF LIFE

From 'The Buddha of Suburbia' First published in 1990, the novel tells the story of an adolescent boy, dismayed by the departure of his father who leaves his family to run off with

DAD HAD been in Britzin since 1950 - over 20 years - and for fifteen of those years he'd lived in the south London suburbs. Yet still he stumbled around the place like an Indian just off the boat, and asked questions like, "Is Dover in Kent..?"

But his naivete made people protective, and women were drawn by his innocence. They wanted to wrap their arms around him or something, so lost and boyish did he look at times.

Not that this was entirely uncontrived, or unexploited. When I was small and the two of us sat in Lyon's Cornerhouse drinking milkshakes, he'd send me like a messenger pigeon to women at other tables and have me announce, "My daddy wants to give you a kiss."

off with the exciting Eva, is clearly unlike Kureishi's own father. One could argue that Kureishi is partly using the novel to explore the concept of a father following his desire and not accepting compromise.

Kureishi's new novel, Intimacy, is indeed about a man who does follow his desires and leaves his family, as Hanif has in real life. But to hold a novelist to account for literary explorations of philosophical concepts seems wrong. Yet that is the crucial point here. The novelist's family understandably cannot always make the imaginative leap from a character loosely based on a beloved parent to a fictional character used to explore ideas. Hanif Kureishi has failed to realise that his novels like his exaggerated reminiscences for publicity purposes can hurt his family.

Rarely has someone expressed that profound hurt as directly and poignantly as Kureishi's sister Yasmin. And if Hanif Kureishi feels today that these are family matters that should remain private, he will not miss the irony that it was he who repeatedly made them public.

A novel, a film, an interview, a chat show reminiscence: they all in family who shared that life. Yasmin Kureishi has answered back. Henceforth, writers will be more likely to think of their sisters before sounding off.

A nation divided by the pension gap

aged sensitivities. It is a perfect illustra-

tween fiction and biography can be the

novelist's own family. It is also an illus-

tration of how celebrities can skillfully

employ language to make their past life sound more fashionable, more interest-

ing, more tortured, and how that version

had a little job "as they were called at that

time", working in a shoe factory, frustrat-

ed by her dependence on her husband. Not

in a shoe factory [there are no shoe facto-

ries in Bromley]. She had several part-time

Hanif told the Guardian that his mother

of history can hurt their family.

1 ore and more people are jumping at the chance to take early retirement, but David Walker warns if you're not financially prepared it isn't the right move

F WORK is the new religion, nw come the number of eretics is growing?

A survey from Income Data ervices this week says that an creasing number of workers e getting out early, leaving teir jobs before they have acamulated their full pension etitlement. Yet, since last May, te Chancellor and Prime Minter have preached the gospel (work - the cornerstone of teir plans for welfare is work. iore of it, especially for those a low or no incomes.

Actuaries are rubbing their inds because the age at which omen officially retire is being used to 65. Meanwhile, pub-I service auditors are anxiously stop so many teachers, firemen and police officers leaving work early. What is going on?

One actuary confirms that if you can get an employer to contribute to your pension, old age is going to be more comfortable, even if you go before the statutory retirement age. Occupational schemes work - for those employed by the same employer for long enough.

plied equally to the public as to the private sector. In one of the "good" schemes (for teachers, civil servants, police and fire) the early retirement option could start to look attractive to employees in their mid-to-late

insisting that local authorities forties. If you can augment the scheme pension with some disability award - a favourite for police and fire officers - so much the better, although this gravy train may now be slowing

> For those who have chopped and changed jobs, the outlook is bleaker, unless they have had periods of high income and have saved large proportions of it. The upshot now and for

Until recently, the point apdecades into the next century is two nations among the elderly. The other trend has been evident since the early Eighties, when manufacturing and mining were shaken out: Britain has an army - 2 million strong -

mainly men, aged from their mid-fifties to their mid-sixties who are both physically and mentally capable of full-time work but who are more or less

Some chose to go, others were fired, most were "encouraged" by employers who, for reasons of cost or flexibility. appear to prefer younger people. They are geographically concentrated in London, the inner city and mining/industrial

Socially and politically, they constitute an invisible group but one, surely, a country anxious to maximise its human resources can ill afford to treat as labour market residue.

'I HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO WATCH TV'

"I DON'T really count myself as being retired," says Hazel Hawes. "I talk about the time when I left employment. If I didn't work now it would

drive me mad." Mrs Hawes, from London, used to run her own marketing company, finding products for the construction industry, but decided to get out when she was 56 and the recession bit. Now she divides her time between teaching exercise and line dancing as well as practising aromatherapy and the Bowen technique, an Australian therapy which helps muscular

"Other people were scared for me when I gave up work. I didn't feel the same way," she says.

Mrs Hawes believes that for people who have worked as more of a team there is a period of adjustment. "People have to realise that when you retire you are on your own. You have to be aware of the isolation. There is no one to bounce ideas off. Everyone is busy - even your family. "It's easy for retired people to feel they don't matter to society. I think people should be educated not to think of retirement as doing nothing, but as going on working. I want to go on with dignity."

Peter Colley and his wife Barbara took early retirement - he was a town planner, she



Barbara Colley Photograph: Michael Scott

a teacher - but with children still at home they needed to find another way of earning a living. "Our income needed to be sufficient and my pension situation wasn't good. I think this is a common

you have to consider is your mortgage. We were lucky because ours matured when I was 60 and it's been very

useful these past five years." Mr Colley, who lives in Cockermouth, Cumbria, found work as a part-time consultant, and then, with Barbara, became involved in running an appeal for the conversion of a school into the Kirkgate Arts Centre.

"We work very well together as a team and we get a lot of things done." says Mr Coiley."I don't think I've had time to watch the television since I retired. I have never seen a single soap opera and I'm proud of it."

Glenda Cooper



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The Germans are in the driving seat

National icons Chrysler and Rolls Royce have been snapped up by Mercedes and VW. David Usborne reports

BRILLIANT, hand-in-glove, made-in-heaven. So said the chief executives of Chrysler and Daimler-Benz about their merger announced yesterday, and so said most car industry analysts. And yet only 48 hours ago, the very idea would have seemed batty. Why? Because, if you set aside all the suddenly sensible business considerations for a second, it remains a jaw-dropper.

It is not that trans-national combinations are anything new. Even in the car sector, we have seen BMW snaffle Rover and now Volkswagen has triumphed over BMW in acquiring Rolls Royce. But this is something different. For starters, it is the largest industrial merger ever. Above all, however, this is Chrysler we are talking about, the company that conceived the "Buy America" campaigns of the Eighties and the very quintessence of the industrial midwest. The "Big Three" shorthand of Detroit - Motown - is finished. Now it will be the "Big Two - General Motors and Ford - and the Germans".

Imagine the editorial cartoons. How about the image of the Mercedes star revolving atop the spire of the Chrysler Building in New York? Never mind that the skyscraper, briefly the world's tallest structure when completed in 1930, is no longer tied to the carmaker. (The first toolkit owned by Walter Chrysler, the company's founder, still sits buried at the spire's base). Or the Mercedes symbol on the bonnet of a mudchurning pick-up truck?

From almost any viewpoint the respective stars of Mercedes, with its three prongs, and of Chrysler, with five, have beritages that are entirely contrasting, even back to the Second World War. Chrysler's Sherman tanks helped the allies flatten the Third Reich while Jeeps ferried American troops. Mercedes provided the Nazis with staff cars and engines for the Luftwaffe. Since the war, Mercedes has stood for conservatism and luxury for the elite. Chrysler, with its minivans and pick-ups, has remained resolutely middle-class.

oday, Chrysler is doing better than ever before. Though it is smaller than General Motors and Ford, with just 16 per cent of the US market and almost no presence in Europe, it is more profitable, on a per-car basis, than its Detroit rivals. Its current models, especially its Dodge pick-ups and Jeeps, are among the hottest in American showrooms.

If Chrysler's image is one of hardscrabble survival, it is because its fortunes were not always so fine. Created after Walter Chrysler took over the Maxwell Motor Car Company in 1920 and named it after himself five years later, it has stumbled repeatedly. Never was it more imperilled than at the end of the Seventies, when bankruptcy was avoided only when Lee Iacocca, who took control of Chrysler in 1978, went begging to Washington and persuaded President Carter to change the law to produce a \$1.5 bn survival cushion.

It was an iconic moment in American industrial history. Pulling itself up by its bootstraps, Chrysler managed to pay back that federal loan in 1983, seven years ahead of schedule. Its designers went on to develop the minivan concept, which transformed the the company's fortunes and set a new way for the entire industry. Such was the mega-star status of Mr Iacocca, he briefly considered running for president. One

ican Motor Corporation, then America's fourth car manufacturer, from Renault of France. And therein lies a possibly instructive and cautionary tale. Renault took control of AMC in 1981 in a bid to find a permanent base in the American market. Clashes of culture between Paris and Detroit destroyed the marriage, however. Today you could not buy a Renault in Ameri-

ca even if you wanted to. Will Daimler and Chrysler fare any better? Wall Street, where Chrysler shares soared on first news of the merger talks, seems to think

ne of the happiest characteristics of the deal is the virtual absence of overlap in the two manufacturers' product lines. Only with its launch last year of its chunky M-Class sports utility that it is building in Alabama has Mercedes got anywhere near to encroaching on Chrysler territory. (Launching the

This is Chrysler we are talking about, the very quintessence of the industrial Midwest. Imagine the editorial cartoons. Imagine the Mercedes star spinning atop the Chrysler building in New York

of the ironies of yesterday's deal is that another factor behind Chrysler's recovery was the entirely nationalistic "Buy America" drive that was also dreamed up by Iacocca.

Chrysler looked shaky again in the wake of the last American recession in the early Nineties. Iacocca was pushed out in 1992 and replaced by Robert Eaton, who yesterday did the deal with Daimler. Three years ago, however, Iacocca teamed up with billionaire investor Kirk Kerkorian to try to buy out Chrysler from under the nose of its own board. The assault failed, but Mr Kerkorian remained Chrysler's biggest shareholder with 13.8 per cent of the company and today stands to reap a profit from his investment of \$5bn.

For its current good health, Chrysler also has it line of Jeeps to thank. It took hold of the Jeep brand only in 1987, when it bought the Amer-

Alabama facility as well as listing its shares as ADRs on the New York stock market both now seem like acts of remarkable forsight by Mercedes.) Because of the easy synergies, the savage job cuts that often come with mergers of

this scale are not expected to materialise here. There are also tremendous opportunities for each side in gaining ground in each other's home markets, America and Europe. While Mercedes watched as sales of its luxury sedans soared 60 per cent here last year, it still has only a measly one per cent of the American market. Chrysler was forced essentially to abandon Europe as a condition of the Carter loan deal. (Remember the Chrysler Alpine of the 1970s. the Hillman Imp and those clunky Simcas?) By contrast, Ford manufactures across Europe and General Motors has Opel in Germany and Vauxhall in Britain.

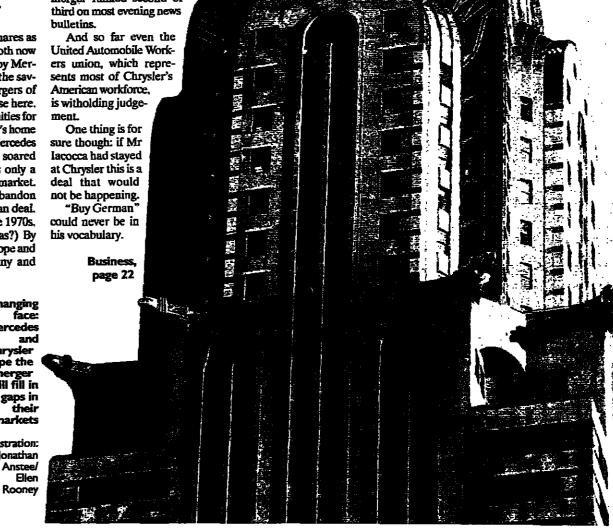
It is a measure of the proposed merger's credibility with investors and analysts that it has already sparked speculation of further megamergers to come in the automotive industry. Shares in the main European manufacturers consequently have been soaring also. Only in Japan have they been falling. But that is because investors there anticipate further combinations and fear for the positions of the likes of Toyota and Nissan, currently the third and sixth largest car makers, in unit sales, in the world. The company considered most in the mood to snack on rivals worldwide is Germany's Volkswagen - as witnessed by its deal with Vick-

ers to buy Roll Royce yesterday. Still, there are obvious pitfalls. How easy will it be to weld laid-back Detroit with stiffcollared Stuttgart? And will the German and American car unions cooperate? (Giving in to demands for the unionisation if its M-Class plant in Alabama may be a first order of business for Daimier.)

It is a perhaps a sign of a our global times, that the general reaction throughout America to the deal has been one of fascination and surprise but not of one nationalist outrage. When it was first uncovered by the Wall Street Journal on Wednesday, the merger ranked second or third on most evening news bulletins.

merger will fill in markets

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Customers will be the winners

MERGERS can be announced quickly - even mergers of the size of Daimler Benz and Chrysler - but their effect on customers takes much longer. The likely upshot of yesterday's merger announcement is that many more British motorists will follow the lead of PM Tony Blair, and buy a Chrysler. It should also mean modest price reductions on Mercedes-Benz

Chrysler's likely return to the European mass market is good news for motorists, for Chrysler cars tend to be among the industry's most handsome. They also tend to be inordinately good value, for Chrysler is renowned for being one of the world's lowest cost producers. The flipside is that Chrysler also has a reputation for belowaverage quality, one of the reasons why the Chrysler Neon saloon - already sold in Europe – has proved a poor seller bere. The only Chrysler vehi-

cles that do well in Britain are the 4x4 Jeeps, and the big Grand Voyager people-carriers - of the kind which the Blairs selected for transporting their three children.

Mercedes-Benz know-how

should ratchet Chrysler quality upward, making forthcoming models much more popular in Europe. New designs will also be more targeted at Europe than existing Chryslers, which have all been aimed at America, the company's only large existing market. In the same way that Ford now develops cars for both America and Europe, so will Chrysler (with the help of Mercedes). The result will be more Chryslers and better Chryslers, including competitors in the Escort and Mondeo classes, probably manufactured in Europe.

Such a corollary is perfect for Mercedes, of course. It wants to stay in the upper-end market, where profits are

juiciest and most cushioned from recession. Chrysler, in effect, will be its mass-market brand for Europe, rather like Rover will become BMW's lowend badge, following the Germans' purchase of the British marque.

Chrysler is no stranger to the European market. It bought Rootes, manufacturer of Hillman, Sunbeam, Humber and Singer cars, in 1964, and soon launched a range of Chrysler cars for Europe, including the Horizon and Alpine. The cars were not well regarded, however, and Chrysler sold its European interest to Peugeot in 1978, which rebadged the cars as Taibots.

Despite the size of the company enabling it to cut costs, there won't be any drastic price cuts — the Mercedes-Benz brand is so strong that that shouldn't be necessary. But it should give Mercedes more

when the car market is weak. The new breed of lower-cost Benzes should start to appear on the market in four-live years, occupying roughly the same sectors the company is in now. Importantly, the increased productivity better enables DaimlerChrysler to compete with its major European rival.

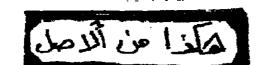
Volkswagen. As Chrysler chairman Bob Eaton said at yesterday's press conference, this will probably be the first of many high-profile mergers in the car business. In every case, economies of scale should be improved holding out the prospect, for the car buyer, or cheaper cars. The immediate effects of this, the biggest of all industrial mergers, may not be obvious for car buyers. But long term, the effects should be profound - and

> **Gavin Green** of Car magazine.









WHEN John Louis Gili was ented for the honorary MA in the Oxford Congregation on 23 May 1987, soon after he had celebrated his 80th birthday, the Public Orator observed that he had enjoyed a distinguished career in Britain, saluting him as metoikos, a settler in a strange land.

Born and reared in Barcelona as Joan Lluís Gili i Serra, he appears in photographs taken in his late twenties as a figure of urbane handsomeness and quiet authority; but later in life his rugged and lithe phys-Sae and almost Oriental physiognomy suggested rather an upbringing in the Catalonian countryside for which he had so much affection. This impression was strengthened when one saw him hard at work in his quarter of an acre outside Oxford, cultivating Mediterranean vegetables under glass among the medlars, quinces and numerous apple-trees, in a garden surrounded by strawberry-trees and punctuated by large abstract sculptures created by his daughter Katherine, who has exhibited at many London galleries and outdoor exhibitions. His exdordinary physical strength was confirmed when, after a serious operation in his 89th year, he returned to playing tennis with his usual Oxford partner.

Known to all his friends as Joan (pronounced djoo-an), he was the grandson, son and nephew of an important family of Barcelona booksellers and publishers. Having received private tuition in Latin from Canon Josep Llovera, whom he later assisted in preparing the Catalan translation of St Augustine's Confessions (1931), and, having acquired a good gaisp of French and English and the respective literatures, Joan

Gili was trained in his father's enormous enterprise and pioshop for a career in publishing, neering spirit: his stock was books was the hardest job imaginable. When he became the sole owner of a specialised small press and bookshop in London in 1935, he came to believe that all prospective publishers should start by working in a bookshop.

After briefly reconnoitring the London book scene in 1933, Gili returned to settle permanently in October 1934, becoming naturalised in 1948. He made the acquaintance of many members of London artistic, musical and literary circles, including C. Henry Warren, a writer on the countryside and assistant editor of the Radio Times. In April 1935 they jointly founded the Dolphin Bookshop (the name being chosen for its associations with the 16th-century Aldine Editions, the Delphin Classics made for the Grand Dauphin, and the Mediterranean cetacean which represented social love in medieval art), intending to specialise in "those English books which you will not only want to read but to keep", and Spanish books of every description. Suitable premises were

found in the then louche-curieux setting of Cecil Court off the Charing Cross Road, which they shared with Welsh, occult and second-hand bookshops, some of a dubious nature. When it became apparent that the English books were losing money, that portion of the stock was sold off to a neighbour, Harold Edwards, and the partnership dissolved. Joan Gili's elder son, Jonathan, the television director, was later to call his private press imprint, Warren Editions, after his father's partner.

Gili was now able to show his

and soon learnt that selling greatly expanded to cover school and university texts, dictionaries and maps, and he lectured at Liverpool and elsewhere on "Recent Spanish Books". In 1936 he began to publish, first a book about Luis de León as translator of the classics, printed and published in Barcelona by Sopena, but with changed title-page, then a volume of privately printed poems of Henry Warren designed by Gili, in which he began to display his mastery of typography

During Miguel de Una-

and book design.

muno's visit to England in 1936, Gili met him at the Embassy of the Spanish Republic, where the Ambassador was the novelist Pérez de Ayala, and the philosopher gave him permission to publish any of his works in England. The first public edition of Dolphin Bookshop Editions was a collection of Unamuno's writings selected by Gili with an introduction by J.B. Trend in 1938, surpassed in the following year by one of Dolphin's most successful products: Federico García Lorca's Poems jointly translated by Stephen Spender and J.L. Gili, with an introduction by Rafael Martinez Nadal, which was simultaneously published in New York and Toronto by Oxford Univer-

from the Hogarth Press in 1943. Gili later prepared plain prose translations of Lorca's verse for the "Penguin Poets" edition in 1960, which was much reprinted

sity Press; a second impression

appeared from Dolphin in 1942,

and a new revised selection

In 1938 Joan Gili married Elizabeth, the eldest of "the three MacPherson girls", who had been brought up in China Peterhouse in Cambridge. The

where their Scottish-Canadian father was a missionary. Their house and bookshop became a meeting-place for Republican exiles and their British sympathisers, such as Gregorio Prieto the artist, three volumes of whose drawings and paintings Gili was to publish, Rafael Martinez Nadal, whose editions of Lorca's late unpublished work were also to appear under the Dolphin imprint, Carles Riba the Catalan poet, C. Day Lewis, Stephen Spender, V.S. Pritchett, Kingsley Martin, and Alan Rawsthorne the composer. who later composed a piece inspired by Gili's translation of

Riba's Tannkes (1964). No 5 Cecil Court became such a centre for supporters of the Spanish Republic that in 1938 Joan Gili received threats from an official from the rival nationalist insurgent Spanish Embassy in London that his family in Barcelona would suffer if he did not rein in these activities.

In January 1939 Gili struck an important bibliographical coup in bidding for and obtaining the complete library of the French Hispanist Raymond Foulché-Delbosc, which he brought back from Paris in a railway wagon. This established the Dolphin Bookshop as a leading centre for antiquarian Spanish books, and gave Gili an increased expertise, which he later offered to many public and private libraries and auction bouses in Spain and England.

When war began, Cecil Court seemed to be a dangerous place to keep valuable books. Elizabeth was just embarking on her doctorate in sociology under Karl Mannheim at the London School of Economics, which was evacuated to



Joan Gili: bookseller, publisher, and translator of Lorca

rarer Dolphin stock followed, to found themselves to be princia small medieval house in Little St Mary's Lane, but, before the end of the phoney war, the Gilis returned to London to new

the beginning of the blitz proper, the Dolphin stock was moved again, to Oxford, first to an artist's studio in Park Town, and by the end of hostilities to more permanent quarters in Fvfield Road, whence a wellorganised postal service was established for Hispanists in Britain, Ireland and the United States, which continues to the present day from their younger son Martin's farm in Tredwr,

premises in the Boltons. With

In Oxford the Gilis again

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pal bosts for Republican exiles: Manuel Cossio, Alberto Jiménez, Josep Trueta, the first Nuffield Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, and Salvador de Madariaga. Forbidden to undertake war service because of his alien status, Joan Gili began at this inauspicious moment. to promote Catalan studies by publishing the first edition of his Catalan Grammar in 1943.

Of the 73 titles published under the Dolphin imprint between 1936 and 1996, no fewer than 25 were Catalan works, 40 were Spanish or Spanish-American, five were on art, and three were English works. The Catalan works included three edi-

tions of medieval texts prepared by Gili with enormous scholarly care and attention to detail. All the covers of the seven homage volumes to distinguished British Hispanists were designed with individual touches appropriate to the recipient.

Joan Gili's death in his 92nd year should be a cause for the celebration of a life devoted to Hispanic culture, especially to the promotion in Britain of the language and literature of his never-forgotten homeland. The only cause for regret is that his peaceful end came only seven weeks before the diamond wedding celebrations that were being planned by his much-loved

wife and fruitful partner in all his activities. The beginning of their 60-year-long love affair was witnessed by Carles Riba on a visit to London in 1938, and commemorated in the third of his Elegies de Bierville which is dedicated to them:

the warmth of the two young at the heart of the immense smoky city opened to us their paradise full of light,

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Joan Lluis Gili i Serra (John Louis Gili). bookseller, publisher, Spanish scholar and translator: born Barcelona 10 February 1907; married 1938 Elizabeth MacPherson (two sons, one daughter); died Oxford 6 May 1998.

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Erich Mende

the generation of German politicians who had served in the Second World War.

As a lieutenant of infantry he was badly wounded on the third ed the knight's cross for holding the front and thereby helping 10,000 East Prussian civilians and wounded escape the advancing Red Army. A little later he managed to get the survivors of the 102 Silesian Infantry Division, about 4,000 men, to the relative safety of being prisoners of war of the British. Born in 1916 in Gross-

Strehlitz, Upper Silesia, later up on tales of military chivalry and deeds of daring. Like many of his generation and class he was an admirer of the flyer Manfred von Richthofen. His father, Maximilian Mende, was the director of a secondary

Catholics, a supporter of the Centre Party.

However, he brought up Erich to be "Deutschnational", that is, a German nationalist of day of the attack on Poland in the kind more often found 1939. He was wounded on two among German Protestants. officer, as Catholics made up a rats were the main government further occasions. In January After the Nazis gained power in far higher percentage of the ive up the 1933. Mende 92 Catholic youth movement to join the Hitler Youth. On gradnating from grammar school in 1936 he decided to become a professional soldier and enlisted in the 84th Infantry Regiment at Gleiwitz, on the German-Polish frontier. On his release from British

custody, Mende took up the study of law and political science at Cologne University, gaining his doctorate in 1949. He also part of Poland, he was brought helped to found the Free Democratic Party (FDP) in 1945.

His party was the most freemarket-orientated of the three main German parties, and the most nationalistic. It also had an element that favoured links with Russia/the

predominantly of the Protestant professional classes, big business, and Protestant farmers in Catholic areas. It was perhaps an advantage for the party to have Mende, a Catholic and exelectorate in West Germany than they had in undivided

Germany before 1945. Mende's considerable charm, good looks and self-confidence were also of great help in his new career. He was elected to the Bundestag in 1949 and rose swiftly through the ranks of his party. By 1960 be was national chairman of FDP. He held this post until 1968.

As a member of parliament Mende worked tirelessly on behalf of former soldiers, those who were released after lengthy captivity (the so-called Spätheimkehrer), and those condemned as war criminals. He took a rather conservative, traditionalist view of how the new German armed forces, the Bun-

ERICH MENDE belonged to school and, as was usual among Soviet Union. It was a party deswehr, should be structured, trained and indoctrinated. At the same time he favoured contacts with the Soviet Union. He was something of a thorn

> in Konrad Adenaver's side. Adenauer's Christian Democparty with which the FDP was in coalition. After the FDP increased its vote in September 1961, in the wake of the building of the Berlin Wall (August 1961). Mende urged his party not to join Adenauer in another coalition. The FDP did not take his advice. He refused to take office, only changing his position once Ludwig Erhard had replaced Adenauer as Chancellor in 1963.

> Under Erhard Mende served as Vice-Chancellor (deputy head of government) and Minister for All-German Affairs, His task was to promote relations with Communist East Germany, the German Democratic Republic, not then recognised by the West Germans. During his period of office

West Berliners were permitted, for the first time, to cross the Wall for Christmas visits in December 1963. From 1964, East German senior citizens were allowed to visit West Germany.

Mende inaugurated agreements on road building, especially on the autobahn near Hof to facilitate better communications with West Berlin. Also during his time in office over 4,000 political prisoners held in East German prisons were "bought free" by West Germany.

The FDP lost office in 1966 with the fall of Erhard. His successor at the head of the Christian Democrats, Kurt Georg Kiesinger, decided on a coalition with the main opposition party, the Social Democrats of Willy Brandt. In opposition Mende turned his attention to his finances and worked as representative of the American international investment bank, IOS. His party veered to the left and he was replaced in January 1968 by Walter Scheel.

In the following year the

FDP became the junior partner in Brandt's SPD-FDP minicoalition. Frustrated both personally and politically Mende left the FDP in 1970 and joined the Christian Democrats in opposition. His defection did not have much impact on the coalition or his party's fortunes. He failed to make much impact in the ranks of the Christian Democrats.

Erich Mende was married twice. His second wife, the young war widow Margot Hansen, he met in 1947 at an FDP meeting. They married a year later. Margot Mende played an active role in her husband's career.

David Childs

Erich Mende, politician: born Gross-Strehlitz, Germany 28 October 1916; Chairman, FDP 1960-68; Vice-Chancellor of West Germany 1963-66; married first Ruth Mautschke (one son; marriage dissolved), secondly Margot Hansen ínée Hattie: two sons, one daughter); died Bonn 6 May 1998.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS

DEATHS

CARAMAN: Peacefully after a long illness, at Three Acres Country House, Brushford, Somerset, Fr Philip Caraman SJ, aged 86. Requirem Mass at St Stanislaus Church, High Street, Duiverton, Somerset, followed by interment at Brushford Churchyard, Brushford, Somerset, on Wednesday merment at Britsmand Chreatyard, Bushford, Somerset, on Wednesday 13 May 1998 at 11_30am. Memorial Mass at the Church of the Immacu-line Conception, Farm Street, Lon-don W1, on Wednesday 27 May 1998

CHEETHAM: Erika Christine Eliza-CHETHAM: Erika Christine Elizabeth (née Turner), peacefully in her sleep at home on the night of Sauraday 2 May 1998, aged 58 years. Beloved mother to Alexander and grandmother to Bara. She will be sore, a sissed by us all. Funeral on Thurschell May 3pm at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington Church Street, London W8. Flowers welcome, donations if desired to Action Aid and Diabetes first Research Fund. All enquiries co J.H. Kenyon 0171-937 0757. spuries co J.H. Kenyon U. 11-931 0131SPUTH: John, at Kent & Canterbury
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Crematorium, near Cantenbury. A memorial occasion will take place at a later date. Amountements for BIRTHS, MAR-RIAGES & DEATHS may be tele-phoned to 0171-293 2012 (24-hour answering machine 0171-293 2011) or foxed to 0171-293 2010, and are charged at £6.50 a fine (VAT extra).

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Mende, front, addressing the German parliament in 1961.

The Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, observes him

Sir David Attenborough, broadcaster and naturalist, 72; Mrs Pat Barker, novelist, 55; Mr Peter Benchley, anthor, 58; Lord Blyth of Rowington, chief executive and deputy chairman, Boots Company, 58; Mr Jack Charl-ton, football manager, 63; Sir Ian Deuholm, chairman, J. & J. Den-holm, 71; Miss Viviana Durante, bal-lerina, 31; Viscount Falkland, former chief executive, C.T. Bowring (Trading) Holdings, 63; Mr Gary Glitter, rock performer, 54; Miss Heather Harper, soprano, 68; Lord Hoff-mann, a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, 64; Lord Jauncey of Bullicherile, a former Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, 73; Mr David Kendall, chairman, Ruberoid, 63; Mr Norman Lamont, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, 56; The Right Rev Graham Leonard, former Bishop of London, 77; Dame Femer Bisnop of Landon, 77, Danie Pelicity Lott, soprano, 51; Ms Rosemary McKenna MP, 57; Lord Murton of Lindisfarne, 84; Vice-Admiral Sir Neville Purvis, director-general, British Safety Council, 62; Dr John Reid MP, Minister for Defence Procurement, 50; Mr Alastair Service, writer, publisher, campaigner and chairman, Wiltshire Health Authority, 65; Air Marshal Sir Michael Simmous, secretary, Council of Jus-tice for Animals and Humane Slaughter Association, 61; Sir Ronald Waterhouse, former High Court judge, 72; Sir Philip Wilkinson, former deputy chairman, National Westminster Bank, 71.

Anniversaries

Births: Thomas Hancock, pioneer of rubber manufacture, 1786; Mikhail Alexandrovich Bakunin, anarchist, 1814: Jean-Henri Dunant, founder of the Red Cross, 1828; Alphonse Legros, painter and etcher, 1837; John Meade Falkner, novelist, 1858; Harry S. Truman, 33rd US president, 1884; Edmund Wilson, novelist, play-wright and poet, 1895; Friedrich August von Hayek, economist, 1899; John Derrick Mordaunt Snagge, broadcaster, 1904. Deaths: Pierro Longhi, painter, 1785; Antoine-Laurent Lavoisier, chemist, guillouned 1794; John Smart Mill, po-

litical economist, 1873; Gustave Flaubert, novelist, 1890; Eugène-Henri Paul Gauguin, painter, 1903; Eadweard Muybridge (Edward James Muggeridge), photographer and inventor, 1904; Dame Ethel Mary Smyth, composer and suffrag-ist, 1944; Emanuel, Baron Shinwell, statesman, 1986. On this day: the British monarchy was restored, 1660; John Osborne's play Look Back in Anger was first performed, Royal Court Theatre 1956. Today was VE Day (1945) and is the Feast Day of St Acacius or Agathus, St Benedict II, pope, St Boniface IV, pope, St Desideratus or Désiré of Bourges, St Gibrian, St Otger, St Peter of Tarentaise, St Plechelm, St Victor Maurus and St Wiro.

Lectures

Victoria and Albert Museum: Ann Peerless, "Royal Courts in India 1570-1600", 2.30pm. Tate Gallery: Ken Kiff, "Artists on Bonnard", 1pm.

Schools

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Pretnis); Chre Fernyhoogh (Brighton & Hove

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(Hazelwood); Robert Ozanne (Solefield);
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Foundation Scholarshipes Alexander Daie
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(Our Lady's Convent, Abingdon); Amy Groning (The Gramille); Ratherine Hills (St.
Michael's, Otford); Chelsea Jude-Trailor
(Stonegase Primary); Edward Lidington (Shipbourne Primary); Miriam Ozanne (The
Gramville); Kamateliae Perty (The Granville);
Kim Schiebler (St. Thomas's RC Primary);
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Synagogue services Details of synagogue services to be

held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Sabbath begins in London at 8.21pm. United Syrungoguess (181-343 1989). Fed-eration of Syrungoguess (181-202 2263. Uplon of Liberal and Progressive Syrun-goguess (171-380 165). Reform Syrungogues of Great Britains (181-349 473). Sparnito and

LAW REPORT: 8 MAY 1998

Control of unrepresented defendants

Regina v Brown (Milton); Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Bingham of Combill CJ, Mr Justice Turner and Mr Justice Penry-Davey) 6 May 1998

THE COURT of Appeal gave guidance to judges presiding over criminal trials in which defendants were unrepresented, particularly with regard to cross-examination of witnesses, including complainants in rape trials.

The applications of Milton Anthony Brown for leave to appeal against his conviction of two counts of rape, one count of false imprisonment and two counts of indecent assault, and against a total sentence of 16 years' imprisonment, were refused.

The applicant had decided to dispense with the services of his counsel and solicitors at a very early stage in his trial, and had subjected the two complainants to cross-examination clearly designed to intimidate and humiliate them. The trial judge had said that it was highly regrettable, and a matter of public concern, that as the law stood "an unrepresented defendant in a sexual assault case had a virtually unfettered

for the obvious purpose of intimidation and humiliation". Sasha Wass (Registrar of Criminal Appeals) for the applicant; Peter Finnigan (Crown Prosecution Service) for

Lord Bingham CJ said that where a defendant represented himself in a criminal trial, the deficiencies which existed where he did so in good faith were magnified 100-fold where he was motivated by a desire to obstruct the proceedings or to humiliate, intimidate or abuse anyone taking part in

A trial judge's duty was to ensure to the utmost of his ability that a defendant had a fair trial, particularly, perhaps, where he was unrepresented.

The judge was, however, obliged to have regard not only to the need to ensure a fair trial for the defendant but also to the reasonable interests of other parties to the court process, in particular witnesses, and particularly those who were obliged to relive by describing in the witness box an ordeal to which they said they had been subject. It was the clear duty of the judge to do right personally to question his everything he could, consis-

ma suffered by other participants. Furthermore, a trial was not fair if a defendant, by choosing to represent himself. gained the advantage he would not have had if represented of questioned.

A trial judge was not obliged to give an unrepresented dewhatever questions, at whatever ten be desirable, before any question was asked by the dea complainant in a rape trial, for the trial judge to discuss the course of proceedings with the defendant in the absence of the jury. The judge might then elicit the general nature plainant's evidence with which the defendant took issue, and any points he wished to put to her. If the defendant proposed to call witnesses in his own defence, the substance of their evidence could be elicited so that the complainant's observations on it might, so far as

relevant, be invited. It would almost always be

victim in such needlessly ex- tently with giving the defendant desirable in the first instance tended and agonising detail a fair trial to minimise the trau- to allow a defendant to put questions to a complainant, but it should be made clear in advance that the defendant would be required, having put a point, to move on, and if he failed to do so the judge should abusing the rules in relation to intervene and secure complirelevance and repetition which ance. If the defendant proved applied when witnesses were unable or unwilling to comply with the judge's instructions the judge should, if necessary to save the complainant from fendant his head to ask avoidable distress, stop further questioning by the defendant length, he wished. It would of- or take over the questioning of

the complainant by himself. If the defendant sought by fendant in cross-examination of his dress, bearing, manner or questions to dominate, intimidate or humiliate the complainant, or if it was reasonably apprehended that he would do so, the judge should not hesitate to order the erection of a of the defence and identify the screen, in addition to controlspecific points in the com- ling the questioning in the way indicated.

If judges intervened to ensure that witnesses were not subjected to inappropriate pressure, they should clearly understand that the Court of Appeal would be very slow indeed, in the absence of clear evidence of injustice, to disturb

any resulting conviction. Kate O'Hanion, Barrister

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Judges strike a blow for freedom

HOW SWEET the sound! A loud clear blast on the trumpet of liberty from the Court of Appeal. Yesterday's ruling in the case of M S, the woman who was cut open against her will in order to deliver her baby, is a definitive statement of the rights of the individual against authority. "Even when his or her own life depends on receiving medical treatment, an adult of sound mind is entitled to refuse it," said Lord Justice Judge. The fact that M S was eight months pregnant when she was detained in hospital meant that the interests of the unborn baby had to be considered, but they did not justify her detention under a Mental Health Act order simply because she objected to any form of medical intervention. Her right to decide whether or not to undergo medical treatment is not diminished "merely because her decision to exercise it may appear morally repugnant," the appeal judges

Even more disgraceful - the Appeal Court says it was "most unfortunate" - was the way doctors obtained an order to deliver the baby by Caesarean section. The judge who made the order was told that M S was in labour, which was not true, and was not told that M S had not been assessed as mentally incompetent.

For some reason, attention in this case has focused on the actions of a social worker, who was - rightly - praised by the judges for her intervention in the case. No one with any knowledge of the case would argue that M S should have been left to her own devices: clearly she needed help. What she got, though, was Catch-22: her refusal to accept medical advice automatically defined her as mad. The real focus of attention should be the medical profession, the arrogance of some of whose members has been illustrated by a series of recent court cases. Women have been bullied and coerced into Caesareans and hysterectomies to an extent which is an affront to the liberal values of a civilised society. When The Independent reported the start of this case a year ago, we received a letter from a woman who had fled the country in order to be sure that she would be allowed to give birth naturally. Yesterday's judgment is a big step towards making this a country where women need not be afraid to assert their rights over their

Monarchy: Blair must tackle the final taboo

MODERNISATION is the Blair government's great watchword, and looking around the tattered institutional landscape of Britain on the eve of the Millennium, it's not before time. Yet Mr Blair's renovation turns out to be a patchwork: radical here, timidly conservative there. Forward march in Scotland, glacial progress on the antiquated procedures of the House of Commons. This ambivalence is most obvious in Labour thinking about the monarchy. Huntin' and shootin', the acme - still - of undeserved deference and anachronistic class privilege, the monarchy limps into the new century. But, since Diana's death, Labour has declared an exclusion zone around the subject. Tony and Peter may chat to Charles and HM, but let no one else dare utter a threatening word.

Today however Canon Eric James breaks from deep Establishment cover to demand, in an article in The Independent, that the Government confront the contradictions now washing around Buck House. The advent of a republic in Australia, the abandonment of the hereditary principle in selection for a second chamber, the growing weight of the anomaly presented by the monarch's headship of the Church of England: to Canon James's list we would add the funny money of the British constitutional set-up -"prerogative powers" by which the existence of the monarchy covers up a multitude of power plays, including of course the ultimate power of selecting the Prime Minister in the event of a House of Commons logiam.

Tony Blair may think he has a strategy. But it seems to consist of grooving with the Heir to the Throne to the strains of Cool Britannia and hoping that his clandestine trysts with his mistress do not get into the public prints. This will not do. There is, true, a deep well of public affection for the persons of the Queen and her mother. But a clear-eyed reformer will separate personality and institution. A truly modernising government would move forward on two fronts. First, the formal powers, patronage, honours and prerogative - isn't the incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights a fitting moment to review the multiple anomalies associated with "the Crown"? Then, the palaces and the flummery and the retainers and the grace-and-favour apartments. They need to be slimmed and disbanded - the ultimate privatisation. What would be left would be more than enough for a modern polity. Just what is wrong with these particular Scandinavian-style attributes?

£1.5m? No thanks

THE BRITISH are an ungrateful nation, and now there's proof. Roger Robar gave away £1.5m of his lottery win and only seven out of the 150 beneficiaries bothered to thank him. It just goes to show the damage done to our nation's moral fabric by failing to force children to write thank-you letters. Which is, when you think about it, a surprising omission from the long list of puritanical improvements drawn up by the Government. If David Blunkett gets to hear about this, he will put Thank You Letter Writing on the national curriculum, backed up by a Good Manners Taskforce at the Home Office, chaired by Jack Straw. Mr Robar's 143 ungrateful recipients could be required to attend politeness classes. After all, we all want the chance to express our gratifude to the Prime Minister for his wise leadership over the past year, don't we?



Sir: Suzanne Moore's rubbishing of the ideas behind National Parenting Day (Comment, 6 May) does her little credit. As a prosperous, caring, single parent with strong middle-class social (i.e. moral) values, it is easy for her to say "people may want support when things go wrong but they don't want to be told how to do things in the first place".

What about the young mother modity or a form of entertainment?

This is why parenting and other basic skills of living in a civilised society need to be taught to those whose ancestral society broke down long ago. The Government must do this, if only because the resources required will be enormous. JOHN LOGAN

Redditch, Worcestershire

Sir: Clearly Suzanne Moore feels that the Government should not get too concerned with family health. But communication skills are the

foundation of good relationships. How to become good parents and to maintain a satisfying relationship is something which is not routinely addressed in our education system. The schooling in this is likely to be from our parents, which may or may not be beneficial. Perhaps there would be some

merit in the Government considering ways in which schools and colleges could address the learning of emotional skills in the same way that they deal with numeracy and literary skills. Being highly numerate and literate may give us more free time and money, but I doubt whether these skills alone give us the basis of a fulfilling life. BRIAN HYNAM

Children who need help

who is a third – or fourth – generation urban savage: whose acquisition of social skills extended only to competing with her classmates to get laid by the biggest bully and, after exercising her right to give birth, being beaten or deserted? What about the youth who has never met his father; who regards girls as a com-

Their children are the ones who need support but they can't ask for it because the need - the desperate need - arises before they are born.

Sir: David Walker's attack on the RNLI in his discussion of the role of charities is ill-considered (Comment, 4 May).

LETTERS

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(City +, 6 May) are not necessarily child-friendly. It is not fair to expect a three-year-old to cope with a developmental assessment after its mother has come home from work at 5.30pm - just when all the child wants erate. These boats cannot be bought is tea, bath and bed. Trying to fit developmental checks or immunisations into evening surgery risks late-running money, which must be predictably appointments, as medical emergen- available over periods of years. cies take precedence.

their best, and trained staff available to deal with any emergencies. They are usually timed so that mothers can get away in time to collect other chilmay be able to stay open into the evening supported by teenagers earning pin money, but children need the attentions of highly qualified staff - who are frequently themselves working mothers. Dt A M G BOUCHER

Basingstoke, Hampshire

Charity lifeboats

That the operation of a maritime rescue service is a government responsibility is quite correct. The Navy and RAF provide rescue helicopters, and naval vessels will respond to any distress call within range. Nevertheless, the provision of the main seaborne rescue service by the RNLI means that the service is free from political interference, and allows a consistent and co-ordinated rescue service.

With the best will in the world, it is unlikely that the service would be Serieant-at-Arms would not make so well equipped if it had to compete for funds with front-line warships, especially in years of repeated defence cutbacks. Think of the dismay with clude that, while he wants to achieve which mariners greeted the closing of smaller Coast Guard stations, and

wood."

Sir: Working mother-friendly hours how little notice the Government took of them.

> The RNLI is not "fat". A fast deep-water lifeboat costs well over £1m and even with volunteer crews costs a great deal to maintain and opoff the shelf; the RNLI has to design them, and this takes a lot of time and

The charitable status of the RNLI Child health clinics are run dur- does commit the Government to ing the day when the children are at some funding of its responsibilities in this area. The voluntary nature of the majority of its revenue means that the service is paid for by those who use it or sympathise with them, and dren from school. Supermarkets so causes no resentment among inland communities who think they have no connection with the sea.

> Why take it under government control when it works better as it is? Why forbid people to organise themselves to help one another and force them to instead rely on a remote and distracted government? KEVIN LOGAN

Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

Royalist riposte

Sir: Alan Williams MP says he was refused information on subsidised accommodation for royal employees ("More power for auditors to study royal spending", 1 May). A few weeks ago I wrote to Mr Williams to draw his attention to the secrecy which shrouds the cost of providing subsidised accommodation for officers of the House of Commons. I told him that when I asked the Palace of Westminster's public information office how many officers are provided with accommodation, and whether they pay rent, I was advised that the

any such information available. Mr Williams did not reply to my letter, which can only lead me to congreater openness over expenditure The Samaritans by Buckingham Palace, he believes Slough, Berkshire

that expenditure by the Palace of

Westminster must not become public knowledge. DONALD FOREMAN Secretary, The Constitutional Monarchy Association London E4

Choc tactics

Sir: Your article "Are chocaholics safe from the pods of doom?" (6 May) reminded me of a visit I made to the Procter & Gamble factory in Cincin-

nati back in the mid-1970s. At that time, there was a world shortage of cocoa, and the boffins at London W12 P&G were working on synthesising a reliable substitute. A demonstration was arranged at a television cookery programme, in front of an audience, in which a cake was baked. Members of the audience were invited to give their opinions on the various sensory properties of the cake - how moist, sweet, chocolatey etc. Of the 100 or so "tasters", more than half thought that it had a good chocolatey flavour - it was subsequently revealed that what they had eaten was nothing more than unflavoured sweet brown flour. MICHAEL FISHBERG London W1

Cyber-Samaritans

Sir. In response to Pandora's piece "Surfing samaritans" (5 May), I would like to add that The Samaritans regularly surf websites, such as alt.suicide.holiday and post notices for our service. We offer an e-mail service on jo@samaritans.org or (anonymously) samantans@anon.twwells.com. E-mail contacts have risen rapidly. Figures for the first three months of this year show a 143 per cent increase in contacts from the same period last year - 1,278 last year, 3,101 this year. LISE COLYER Press Officer

He's scored!

Sir: I'm in love! I'm in love! At last I've found a man desperate to avoid the World Cup. It makes my girlie little heart all aglow to know that Mr Right could be just round the corner, sipping champagne, not lager on the terraces, purchasing "proper" men's clothes and not a nasty nylon England strip! I refer of course to my new-found heart-throb. James McAndrew (letter, 6 May).

I was considering a desperate course of action, such as ringing Nasa and asking them to fly me to the moon for June and July. Escape seemed my only option. Is there anywhere a girl can go to avoid World Cup hysteria? Can anyone tell me? If not, I shall be joining James for champagne etc.

By the way, James, can you cook? LUCY MAURICE

Inspecting Ofsted

Sir: Ofsted's methodology needs constant assessment if it is to help in the continual raising of school standards. But surely there is an easy explanation for the fact that standards in uninspected schools are rising faster than those which have been inspected (report, 6 May)? Doesn't one tend to work harder in the period before an inspection than after one especially if one knows that the next

one is not due for four or five years? The only astonishing thing about these statistics is that no one from Ofsted chose to present this interpretation as support for the system of inspections. And all the more surprising since, when I put the facts to a group of 12-year-olds, they offered this explanation within 30 seconds. RICHARD WELCH Denbigh

Gays and God

Sir: Tim Beach writes (letter, 2 May): "A good God cannot have created in us a powerful gay sex drive just to punish us for acting on it." Would he find this argument for sexual action as convincing were "child-love" to be put in the place of the word "gay"? DEREK STAPLEY

Taxi etiquette, the vastness of the Universe and other issues that divide humanity



THERE ARE two kinds of people.

There are those who wave frantically at taxis which already contain passengers. and there are those who patiently wait for

an empty one to come along. There are those who, when they hear their telephone ring, settle themselves in comfortably for a long chat before answering it, and those who lean over uncomfortably to answer it, assuming it won't last a minute.

There are those who blow out candles, and those who pinch them out with a moistened thumb and finger.

There are those who write leading articles in newspapers, and there are those who never read them.

There are those who can remove staples with their fingernails, and those who can only remove their fingernails while trying to remove staples.

There are those who, when they see an empty taxi, assume it will stop for them and those who, when they see an empty taxi, know in their heart of hearts that it is already answering a call elsewhere.

There are those who get undressed to go to bed, and those who first get undressed and then dress up again for bed in pyjamas, night-shirts or similar. There are those who spell it "yoghurt"

and those who spell it "yogurt".

There are people who, when they see something they like the look of in a shop, promise themselves they will come back and get it later even though they know by bitter experience that it will always be gone when they come back, and there are those who go straight in the shop and buy it, and wish fervently later that they

There are those who can shuffle cards

properly and those who only ruin the edges. There are those who, when a taxi stops for them, get in and wait to be taken to their destination, and those who expect the driver to say, "Sorry, mate, not Heathrow - I'm going home to Crickle-

There are those who, when they take apples, nuts, and so on on a country walk, do so because they might get hungry, and those who take apples, nuts etc on a country walk to feed to horses, birds and oth-

er animais. There are those who cannot bear to be in a room where a TV set is on without watching whatever is on the screen, and those who can be in a room without even being aware that the TV set is on.

There are those who peel cucumbers and those who don't. There are those who take pride in park- as being "cut" (i.e. dead).

ing a car without touching the pavement. and those whose very first action when parking is to drive up on the pavement, and use it as the basis for subsequent manoeuvres.

and those who say "clemEIGHTis". There are those who like pork pies, and there are those who are conscious that, whatever is contained in pork pies, it is like no other form of pork ever seen in a butch-

There are those who say "CLEMatis",

There are those who, when getting into a saloon car taxi, think the driver will be offended if they rather snobbishly get in the back, and those who think he will be

offended if they rather familiarly get in the There are those who tend to think of "fresh cut flowers" as being "fresh" (i.e. alive) and those who tend to think of them

use of a split infinitive and those who are shocked by the ugly contortions undergone by those who attempt neatly but awkwardly to avoid splitting an infinitive. There are those who, when using a taxi,

There are those who are shocked by the

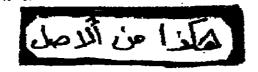
feel it is their duty to supply conversation to the driver, and those who feel it is a relief not to have to talk. starry night and think of the sheer size of

There are those who look up at a clear the vast universe compared with our tiny insignificant existence, and those who, looking up at the vast starry night sky, reckon it's going to be frosty and they might as

well put the car under cover. There are those who send off for free offers and those who always smell a rat...

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Will Blair go all the way on electoral reform?



DONALD **MACINTYRE** ON THE ROAD WITH ROY JENKINS

LUKE a leading actor manager recalled from retirement for a comeback tour, Lord Jenkins is enjoying himself. And with reason. In Lecture Room One in Newcastle University's Herschel Building something big is stirring, something which may help to change the shape of British politics for good. Lord Jenkins, with enough elegant showmanship to remind you of the era when politicians didn't need to be spun, is chairing, not to say dominating, the last of the present series of public meetings held by his Independent Commission on the Voting System. The meetings are peculiarly British occasions. Everyone is almost pathologically polite. At the end, a white haired man in the front row rises spontaneously to thank Jenkins and his colleagues for coming to the city and wish them all success in their deliberations. Everyone, supporters and opponents of the present system alike, nods vigorously. "Thank-you," purrs Jenkins, "that was most courteous."

Charged by Tony Blair with establishing by the end of October an alternative to the firstpast-the-post system to be put to a referendum, Jenkins briskly corrects a factual error here, congratulates a speaker for his succinctness there, And when he singles out for praise the knowledge and eloquence of Andrew Patience, a local further education lecturer in politics, Mr Patience positively glows.

The tribute is deserved. For Mr Patience makes a case for change that transcends both party interests and the trainspottery, initialsspattered jargon politicians routinely use when they discuss electoral reform. This, he says, is a matter of the deep alienation from, and cynicism about, party politics of the 16 to 20 year olds he teaches. Their interest, he reports, goes little further than thinking Spitting Image is quite funny. For Mr Patience, as for many other speakers, solving this is in large part a matter of making voters feel their individual votes count in a way that, other than in the most marginal of constituencies, they don't now. "I have voted in every election since 1964," says one woman. "And I have never voted for an MP. I really mind about that." Jenkins himself saves his killer point, at least as far as Labour opponents of change are concerned, to the end of the meeting. In 1951, he points out, Labour secured more of the national vote than the Conservatives, more than it had in 1945, and more than Tony Blair's Labour Party in 1997. Yet the Tories won comfortably. Where was the fairness in that?

So where is all this leading? Today, by endorsing a directly elected mayor and an assembly, Londoners have also voted for another next century the "radical" century as the 19th huge chunk of electoral reform to add to the was the Conservative one.

proportional representation systems in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. But the big question, now being tackled by the Jenkins Commission, remains Westminster. Jenkins himself, it is safe to assume, would not have taken the job unless he believed that his friend Tony Blair was now prepared for some form of change. Jenkins' five-person Commission is highly distinguished. But its members are also worldly. They have no interest in adding to the long list of intellectually fertile, but utterly ignored, reports on the British political system. They will therefore want to recommend something that has a reasonable chance - at the very least in part - of being embraced by the Prime

Some in Westminster predict that Jenkins will propose something called AV-plus. This inchides the Alternative Vote, in which electors tick all the candidates in order of preference. The second preferences are then reallocated until one candidate gets more than 50 per cent of the vote. Following boundary changes after the next election (which would reduce the number of constituency MPs), a top-up list of party nominated candidates would be added to ensure fuller proportionality. Perhaps Jenkins will recommend such a creature; perhaps not. The Commission hasn't even collectively discussed possible conclusions.

But this is not the only course. Tony Blair's doubts about PR, famously long-standing, are regularly reinforced by Romano Prodi, the Italian Prime Minister, who implores him to remember how close it came to destroying his country. Blair frets about disproportionate power being given to small parties - though the leverage exercised by the Ulster Unionists in the 1992-7 parliament show that this can happen under the present system. Even after all the changes he has wrought in the Labour Party, he still worries that PR and the prospect, illusory or not, of permanent coalition with the Liberal Democrats would erode Labour's incentive to appeal to the middle ground. But AV (without the top-up) offers a middle course though still a seismic one. Although under two elections since the war, 1945 and 1997, it would have accentuated the landslide, in every other case it would have produced a more proportional result than the present system. It maintains the purity of the constituency link and rules out the kind of closed party lists that nearly every speaker at the public meetings has denounced. And by clearly improving the fortunes of the Liberal Democrats-who after all have most to complain of in the present system - it increases the chances of keeping the Tories out if the two left-of-centre parties work closely together, perhaps in formal coalition. My sense from talking around the government is that whatever Jenkins proposes AV, pure and simple, remains in the frame for Tony Blair perhaps tied to a future review of the system after it has bedded in

Many Liberal Democrats will not like this one little bit. They still hanker after the holy grail of pure proportionality. Paddy Ashdown has so far fought shy of fully confrontine his party with the need for compromise. But they should consider the advantages: AV may stand the best chance of support in a referendum. It could be done for the next election because it doesn't require boundary changes and is thus proof against any prospect of a Tory victory at the next election. It is good for the Liberal Democrats. And who knows? It could yet help to usher in the Blair-Jenkins dream of making the

Don't criticise 'victimvision' - that's where people really are themselves



SUZANNE **MOORE**

ADDICTIVE TELEVISION

I HAVE a terrible confession to make. I like seeing "ordinary people" on television. I like to see them crying and brawling and boasting and generally carrying on. Does this mean I am an addict of the sordid "Victimvision" that is supposedly taking over our TV screens and which this week the Independent Television Commission has criticised. Or am 1 simply a cold-hearted voyeur, a tourist of other people's misery, hooked to the modern day freak shows that flow into our

living rooms? Quite possibly. But I have been this way for a long time. Until recently I had to go to America to get my fix. Oprah, Geraldo, Sally Jessy Raphael, Ricki Lake and of course wily old Jerry Springer have at times stopped me seeing much of the country I was actually in, so glued have I been to the TV set. Now, thankfully, I don't have to get on a plane to see this vision of America. It comes to me directly and indirectly through our pale imitations of the real thing: anessa, Kilroy and Esther.

Our versions ooze social, even educational concern in order to promote a veneer of respectability. Nonetheless the increase in this kind of output, particularly on ITV, is causing anxiety. Sarah Thorne . of the ITC is worried about confessional television: "Our concern relates as much to ensuring that vulnerable people are not exploited." Anthony Smith, a founder of Channel Four, commented about Oprah, "Tve never been able to watch it without nnease." Well, I've never been able to listen to Radio Four without mease, the relentless middle-browness of it all makes me want to join Class War. You see. I am very suspicious of anyone who wants to protect us from ourselves.

There may be those who do not want to see "ordinary peo-



child made it a lot easier for a lot of less privileged, less famous women to talk about theirs. Yes, it's schmaltzy, American, over the too and embarrassing. Raw emotion is often not very tasteful. Shall we sweep under the carpet the fact that many ordinary lives are full of extraor-

Only yesterday I watched perfectly ordinary couples on Kilroy talking about male impotence. Every single man said he had thought he was the only guy in the world to suffer from this problem and had suffered in silence. A monstrously cheery women in a loud jacket demonstrated a huge pump which she gaily announced would produce "a lovely erection". Now you may not want this sort of thing at coffee time but surely you must accept that such issues are better out in the open. Silence is not golden, it is often sheer bloody hell. Was this exploitation or actually quite brave? Was it helpful or titillating? Or perhaps all of these thing at once.

dinarily messy experiences?

While newspapers are increasingly full of confessional journalism about columnists cats, cancers, divorces and di-

about television. The fear that we have sunk to producing that which appeals to the lowest common denominator is a peculiar one when the lowest common denominator actually means common people. Ordinary people it seems are acceptable when they are in their

> Yes, it's schmaltzy, over-the-top and American

such as Maureen in Driving School or have bit parts being shouted at in the new soapumentaries like Hotel. It is acceptable to film them "being themselves" even when every shot is edited and set up but it is not alright if they walk into a studio and confess to sleeping with their husband's sister, brother or dog. Even though they volunteer, they are being exploited and those who watch ple on TV talking about race, vi- ets, some of brilliant, much of them are being cheapened.

place: when they are characters

of whom, would if they got the chance appear on Tasmanian TV at two in morning in order to discuss The Third Way become dreadfully worried that lesser mortals might make fools of themselves. Of course sometimes they do. Jerry Springer regularly features people who are clearly one guest short of a chat show (i.e. the "I cut of my penis off with garden shears" variety). Even for the acutely insane the show must go on. However in my experience "ordinary people" enjoy appearing on television enormously even if they come across as mad, bad or sad. They video themselves with pride. Why? Because somehow appearing on TV feels more real to people than their real lives. Rightly or wrongly it is a vindication, a valof this democratic genre. idation that they are somebody. As Michael Collins said If you think this amounts to

ordinary for fifteen minutes." I have witnessed this. One man,who volunteered to have his chest waxed, and was kept waiting by a film crew for four hours and bled when the deed was finally done, told me it was one of the best days of his life. His face wasn't even filmed but he could point out his bleeding torso to his mates when it appeared on the box. Likewise I have seen wronged wives crying once and then crying again for re-take because the director has asked them nicely.

In a fragmented and secular society, the public confession with its promise of false intimacy has permeated every aspect of life. You may not have an extended family or even many friends but you can still see the dirt dished even by those who are so obviously vulnerable. The current concern about the reconstructed truth of documentaries and the acting up for the cameras by those who somehow do not know any better is a serious one. Yet it is clear that those who appear on TV often take the whole business far less seriously than those who express moral outrage at the exploitation of the lower classes. In America, particularly, the studio audiences feature those who otherwise have little media access. Feisty black women and white trash mutants are all part

"In the future everybody will be a freak show and who ever watches it is merely indulging in their voyeuristic impulses, you should, I suggest, get out of the house more often. Perhaps it would be better if ordinary people were banned from our screens altogether and then we could convince ourselves that the world is really populated by articulate, rational, middle-class types who never feel the need to pour out their hearts. Yet this reconstruction of the truth is one that makes me feel far more uncomfortable than any amount of "sleaze TV"

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TWO ministers were travelling to London on the train last Monday preparing for another week at the Westminster treadmill, when one of them asked: "How do you feel when you wake up?"

His colleague was surprised by the question, but answered: Knackered."

"That's exactly how I feel," said the other minister. The two are middle ranking ministers in the Blair Government, young, dynamic, and not given to fainting fits at the thought of hard work but the most Blairite of ministers are beginning to wilt under the strain of government.

The strain is also beginning to show in the Prime Minister. The first anniversary film of . Tony Blair, even after staying up all night to celebrate the 1 May victory, showed a sharp contrast with the dark rings under the Blair eyes a year on. "Tony's knackered. We're all knackered," confided the minister. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, appears tired to other ministers and the rings under John Prescott's eyes seem to have got a little darker.

They are not complaining about the burden of office, but

they are concerned that the quality of government will inevitably go down, as their reserves dry up. They appalled at the sheer volume of material that crosses their desks. "It's a crazy way to run government,"

he added.

Some ministers have had private discussions about how they can streamline the business of government to reduce the workload but they see no easy solutions. One minister has told his officials not to present him with any decisions for spending approval of less than £15,000. Others have discussed how they can take more time off with their families.

Westminster has long been a graveyard for ministerial marriages, but the strain of bringing up a young family at long

distance is beginning to tell. The Prime Minister's own aides have informally sounded out ministers on how they and their

families are coping. Clare Short surprised colleagues by telling her office that for one weekend she would be out of contact. The minister for international development was making up for lost time by having a family weekend with her recently-rediscovered adult

Some of her colleagues have taken to similar tactics at weekends, in order to preserve family life. One minister with a young family in the North insists on keeping Saturday and Sunday for his family; the answerphone is permanently on, and rarely answered.

"I have to go up to the con-

tempting to say I'll give it a miss, but it's important to keep in touch. That means I can get to see the family at the weekend as well. I've thought about bringing them down to London to live, but there is a downside to that, so we see each other just

at weekends."

Being in Opposition was hectic, but it never prepared the young ministers for office and the weight of paperwork that has to be dealt with: the numbers of written Commons answers that have to be read and approved has been steadily rising; in spite of the shorter sittings of the Commons, junior ministers have to be around late at at night to answer adjournment debates; there are minis-

stituency surgery on Fridays. It's and visits to go on. And then there are the decisions to take. Executives in the modern

> business world are being told that being the last to switch off the office lights does not mean you are working hard. It could mean that while your colleagues are relaxing in the pub, you are inefficient and too overstressed to cope properly.

The executives of Cool Britannia PLC feel in need of a business studies adviser who can tell them how to cut down the volume of work, but they are not hopeful. "There's only so much we can reduce, because there is the question of accountability. We have to be accountable to the public, and that means a lot of paperwork. There may be a better way, but terial committees to attend; we haven't found it yet."

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PANDORA salutes Russian President Boris Veltsin, On Wednesday, Boris sent Tony Blair a very warm message congratulating our Prime Minister on his 45th birthday. According to the Russian press, Boris wished Blair "health, happiness and success". His letter began "Dear Tony" and ended with "Hugs".

Hot favourite

The controversy about the Carlton drug documentary The Connection will have enormous repercussions within the TV industry. The timing of the Guardian's scoop couldn't have been better from the point of view of Granada. Pandora will watch with in- both.

a current affairs franchise for 40 one-hour documentaries, worth £10m a year. The two front-runners were thought to be Granada and, yes, Cariton. Until the Guardian's allegatious, Granada was seen as less likely to emerge the winner. Their flagship series, World in Action, has recently been accused of "flabbiness", and its ratings have slipped. Now all that has changed and Pandora's money is firmly on Granada to win. Unfortunately, these commercial ramifications have not been mentioned by the Guardian. Of course there is no commercial relationship between the Guardian and Granada, but the two outfits share a cordial friendship, particularly since the Aitken libel case turned into a joint triumph for them

terest as ITV later this month awards

PANDORA

Make mine water

The landlord of The Bernard Arms. the pub adjacent to the gates of Chequers is furious at Black Dog of the Mail on Sunday. Last week the column carried a "quote" attributed to him about telling Tony Blair that his business was being ruined by "bootleggers selling cheap drink and tobacco from France". The pub's landlord, Reza Karimi-Nik, told Pandora, "I don't know where they got these words from. I never said any such thing to Tony Blair. And I never spoke to anyone from the Mail

itor to the pub. And what is his carpet. favourite tipple? "He usually sticks to mineral water."

Rug sales pitch

Most journalists are allergic to press releases, but there are occasional ones that beg to be reproduced. One such comes faxed via PR outfit Aurelia and seems to be an invitation to the Ritz for a "Krug Through the Looking Glass" party. Three hundred magnums of expensive fizz are promised. Pandora's interest was whetted until reading: "Krug lovers include footballers (and their girlfriends), royalty, supermodels and Hollywood celebri- middle of the pool.

about such a thing." He has sent a let-ties, so all eyes will be looking to see ter via his solicitor demanding an who treads the Krug carpet this year." apology. Tony Blair is a frequent vis- Not these eyes, and definitely not that

Oldman's bash

Some weeks back, Pandora saluted actor and director Gary Oldman for finally convincing his mother to give up her South London flat and her job in a caff to join him for the good life in the Hollywood Hills. However, if recent reports about Oldman's 40th birthday party are correct, Pandora is not so sure. Along with friends Matthew Modine, Steven Baldwin and Stegan Seagal, Oldman and his mum were entertained by a stripper, vintage poru films and a floating bonfire in the

Bankers' \$200m bonanza as Daimler and Chrysler tie the knot

Germans dominate in \$90bn merger

By Peter Thai Larsen and David Usborne in New York

DAIMLER-BENZ Chrysler vesterday announced their plans to create one of the world's largest car manufacturers in the largest ever in-

dustrial merger. The deal will create a global giant with a market capitalisation of \$90bn (£54bn), revenues of more than \$130bn. annual unit sales of 4m and a workforce of 421,000.

The deal, which came just 24 hours after the two giants announced they were in merger talks, came as another German carmaker, VW, pipped its rival BMW in the battle for control of Rolls-Royce.

Jurgen Schrempp, Daimler-Benz chairman, hailed the deal as "an historic merger that will change the face of the

Though Mr Schrempp and Robert Eaton, his counterpart at Chrysler, billed the agreement as a "merger of equals" industry observers said that Daimler-Benz had gained the upper hand.

Daimler-Benz shareholders will hold 57 per cent of the shares in the new company - to be called Daimler Chrysler while Chrysler shareholders will control 43 per cent.

Daimler Chrysler will be registered in Germany and

board structure. It will have head offices in Stuttgart and Auburn Hills, Michigan, and its shares will be traded in Frankfurt, with a secondary listing in New York.

The two companies chose London as the venue to announce details of the deal. Mr Eaton said the choice was representative of the fact that Daimler Chrysler would be a "truly global company".

Mr Schrempp and Mr Eaton will oversee the merger as joint chairmen and chief executive officers. However, Mr Eaton announced he would step down from the board after three years, leaving Mr Schrempp in charge.

Both stressed the deal was not about cost-cutting. The geographical overlap between the two companies is minimal, with Chrysler making 89 per cent of its revenues in North America while 65 per cent of Daimler's sales are in Europe.

The product ranges are also complementary. Through its Mercedes-Benz brand, Daimler concentrates on luxury passenger cars, trucks and heavy vehicles. Chrysler makes the cheaper Dodge cars as well as Jeep four-wheel drive vehicles.

The fit means that the deal is unlikely to face objections from competition authorities. Daimler and Chrysler

promised there would be no redundancies or plant closures. "With our combined strength have a German-style two-tier we can grow, add volume and



Juergen Schrempp with Robert Eaton of Chrysler at a news conference in London yesterday Photograph: Nina Chohda

create jobs on both sides of the Atlantic," Mr Schrempp said.

Both firms are currently stretching their capacity to the limit to meet demand. One benefit of the merger will be that they will be able to make better use of the capacity they have. "That's the beauty of this merger when you do it at the right time," said Mr Schrempp.

Nevertheless, the merged company is planned to produce cost savings of \$1.4bn in 1999. The firms told analysts that combining their purchasing operations would allow them to save \$300m on their \$60bn annual purchasing bill by negotiating better terms. Further savings would be made by combining research & development.

Within three years the company plans to have saved \$3bn by sharing technology and working practices and making better use of existing capacity. Mr Schrempp described the

figure as "conservative". However, both companies and stay ahead of the curve in

stressed their brands would be an industry poised for global kept separate. "They are the most important thing this company owns," said Mr Eaton.

The deal was welcomed by shareholders on both sides of the Atlantic. After their initial surge on Wednesday, shares in Daimler gained another DM9 to close at DM202. In fatemorning trading in New York, Chrysler shares reached \$53.06, ир \$4.25.

Shares in other European car makers also surged as investors revived hopes of further consolidation. Analysts said Ford and Fiat, the Italian group, were favourites to follow Daimler and Chrysler up the aisle. Meanwhile the Tracinda

Corporation, the holding corporation headed by Kirk Kerkorian and which has a 13.75 stake in Chrysler, welcomed the deal, describing it as a "bold initiative to build upon its strong domestic position accumulated

consolidation". Deutsche Bank, which owns

21.8 per cent of Daimler, said

it supported the merger. The German banking giant will be Daimler Chrysler's largest shareholder with 12 per cent. As the largest shareholder in Chrysler Mr Kerkorian has gained more from the effective

sale of the smallest of the big three US car manufacturers than anyone. A combined investment in the car company of about \$1.4bn is now estimated at close to \$5bn. Mr Kerkorian, bought his

first batch of Chrysler stock, representing about 10 per cent of the company, in 1990, when the company was struggling through the recession. He topped up his interest in subsequent years. The average price of his share purchases comes to about \$13.82 a share.

Mr Kerkorian might have still more Chrysler stock had it been for

a peace deal he reached with Robert Eaton in 1996. After launching a distinctly unfriendly bid to take over the

company in 1995 with his friend and former Chrysler CEO, Lee Iacocca, Mr Kerkorian agreed finally to lay down his weapons and limit his stake to under 13.8 per cent. Although most observers

agreed that Daimler-Benz had

the upper hand in the merger.

analysts wondered whether its shareholders had fared as well. "Chrysler have got a good deal. They're much more cyclical than Daimler and have struggled in the past two recessions. The future is only getting tougher," said one leading analyst, adding that the addition of Chrysler's earnings, which are more sensitive to the economic cycle and are therefore seen as lower quality, could wipe out Daimler's premium

stock market rating.

VW trumps Rolls rival with £430m

THE SAGA surrounding the tussle for control of Rolls-Royce Motor cars, the luxury British marque, took another twist yesterday after Vickers, its parent company, announced it had switched its allegiance to Volkswagen from BMW.

Even as the dust settled on the Daimler-Chrysler deal. Vickers said it had reached agreement to sell Rolls-Royce to VW for £430m, which was £90m better than the rival offer from BMW.

The move comes just eight days after Vickers announced it had agreed terms with BMW and announced plans to return £188m to investors.

In a statement after the stock market closed Sir Colin Chandler, Vickers' chairman, said: "Throughout the Rolls-Royce Motor Car sales process. we have focused on achieving the maximum value for our shareholders and this remains

"I am confident as to the strong prospects for Rolls-Royce Motor Cars under the ownership of either BMW or Volkswagen - both are leading players in the luxury automotive segment, capable of continuing to develop this premier business.

The final decision on Rolls-Royce's future will lie with Vickers' shareholders who will vote on the alternative offers at special meetings on 4 June.

If the new deal goes ahead, investors will land a windfall of £273m, against a £188m payout under the BMW offer. Roger Lyons, general secretary of the MSF union, which

has so far welcomed the BMW deal, said: "We were very laid Outlook, page 23 back about the BMW bid be- it had no comment. An American icon, page 18 cause we have a very positive re-

lationship with them as far as Rover is concerned.

The mions will now have to look very hard at the small print to check to see if the same assurances that were given by BMW have been given by Volkswagen."

The Volkswagen offer deals a massive blow to BMW's ambitions of increasing its hold on the British motor industry.

BMW already owns Rover and supplies German-made engines for Rolls-Royce, but Volkswagen plans to use

British-made engines. The City was not taken aback by the deal as Vickers had said last week it had not closed the door on VW.

Phillipe Houchois, an analyst at Standard & Poors DRL in London said: "I am not surprised (by the deal) in the sense that with the pressure from institutional investors they had to consider a higher offer.

The objective of institutional investors was always going to be maximising return on investment. VW has all the tools and all the skills necessary to develop and invest in Rolls."

Another said: "It would make sense for BMW to act but this is just what it was trying to avoid, it's turning into a bidding

"VW needs Rolls-Royce more than BMW does. BMW has told us more about what it plans to do with Rolls. This is a once-in-a-lifetime situation.

Aero-engine maker Rolls-Rovce Plc. owner of the Rolls-Royce brand name, said its preferred outcome for Vickers' sale of Rolls-Royce was still for Vickers shareholders to accept the bid from BMW. BMW said

Marriage may trigger a new wave of consolidation

By Michael Harrison

THE MERGER could trigger a wave of consolidation across the rest of the car industry. But the intriguing question is what sort of alliances might emerge. Daimler's takeover of Chrysler, for all its size, is not really about cost-cutting, nor is it aimed at removing some of the chronic excess capacity with which the world's automotive industry continues to be burdened, particularly in Europe.

In terms of both product range and geography Germany's second biggest car maker and the number three player in the US market are a near perfect comple-

mentary fit. Although it has launched both a sports utility vehicle and a small A class car, Daimler's strength remains in the upper reaches and its area of dominance is Europe. Carysler, by contrast, is more of a light truck producer these days than a car manufacturer. Last year it produced 1.2m Jeeps, utility vehicles and pick-ups against only 450,000 passenger cars. Its market is overwhelmingly the US.

There will be opportunities for cost savings - Daimler puts the potential at £500m - through joint component purchasing and the streamlining of sales and distribution channels. But it will not be a cost-driven merger like some that have been contemplated before, such as the abortive negotiations a decade ago about merging Ford and Fiat's European car operations.

Recently the pace of consolidation has quickened. Fiat has swallowed Lancia and Ferrari, Volkswagen/Audi has taken Seat and Skoda under its wing, BMW has acquired Rover and Saab has come under General Motors' control. But there is still surplus capacity and a received wisdom that ultimately the world car industry will be divided up among a dozen global players at most. That suggests two or three predominant Asian manufacturers -centred perhaps around Toyota and Nissan - two US contenders and three, perhaps four European groups.

This scenario leaves room for only one French manufacturer, suggesting that sooner or later Renault and Peugeot-Citroen will be forced into one another's arms. Presuming Fiat survives as an independent southern European player, that means the three German manufacturers - Daimler, VW and BMW, would, at some stage become two. The Daimler-Chrysler deal rather upsets that neat theory by creating a powerful transatlantic axis. While BMW and VW have been pre-occupied with a private tussle for control of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, Daimler has stolen the bigger

prize from under their noses. Professor Garel Rhys, director of the Centre for Automotive Industry Research at Cardiff University Business School, thinks that Daimler's two German rivals may have most to worry about after yesterday. In terms of light vehicle sales the merger puts Daimler within a whisker of VW and gives it a powerful presence in the off-road market where VW has none.

Meanwhile BMW's acquisition of Rover continues to be an expensive distraction. Rover has yet to produce a profit after £2bn of investment and even its iewel in the crown, Land Rover, will be a small player against the likes of Chrysler's Jeep which produces four times as many off-road vehicles. Whether Daimler can

turn Chrysler into a real competitive threat to the two giants of the US car industry, GM and Ford, is another matter. Chrysler has continued to lose market share to its bigger domestic brothers and the Japanese are its attempt to take the car range up-market has had limited success. The prestige that a link to Mercedes will bring might jut do the trick but it will be a mighty expensive exercise for Daimler and there can be little doubt that GM will hit back. As the world's biggest car maker said yesterday with ominous understatement: "We are always flexible and can respond to changing business conditions and opportunities."

Chaos over Thomson shares City hopes rates have peaked

By Andrew Yates

Thomson, the UK's largest tour operator, is facing a barrage of complaints from private investors unable to buy shares in its flotation.

Thousands of people have missed out because they failed to receive application forms in time to return them for yesterday's noon deadline.

Thomson was also forced to admit that hundreds of potential investors were unable to apply despite registering their interest in plenty of time. The group is talking to its brokers, SBC Warburg Dillon Read, about allocating extra shares for

those that can prove they registered early for the flotation. Thousands of others who registered at the last moment

are likely to end up emptyhanded. They will miss out on the chance of a 10 per cent discount on holidays.

More than 600,000 people have registered for the flotation at share shops and up 500,000 may end up applying for stock, making it the most popular flotation since the Conservative government's privatisations. A Thomson spokesman

people to get their forms back early especially with the Bank Holiday. We believe that a few thousand people have not been able to receive shares." The strong demand for

said: "We tried to encourage

shares is likely to mean they will be priced at the top end of the 140p to 170p range given by the company. The final price will be announced on 11 May.

By Diane Coyle Economics Editor

THE BANK of England left the cost of loans unchanged this month, to the relief of homebuyers and businesses.

The decision, in the wake of signs that the economy is slowing, makes it unlikely that there will be any further in-

terest rate rises, analysts said. Interest rates have risen five times in the past year. The last increase, in November, took them to 7.25 per cent com-

start of May 1997. The pound reacted yesterday with a further 3 pfennig fall to just over DM2.90, its lowest level since December. One respected economic forecasting

pared with 6 per cent at the

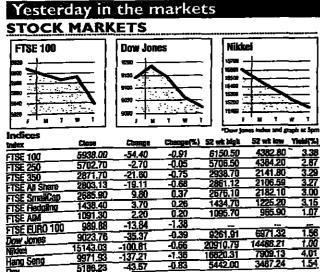
group predicted sterling would fall to DM2.75 by the end of There were also fresh signs

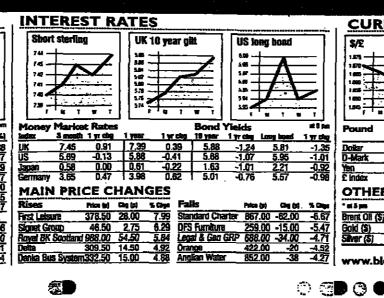
that growth is slowing to a more sustainable pace, with a survey of high street trading by the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) showing that, while sales bounced last month after a dismal March, the underlying trend had declined.

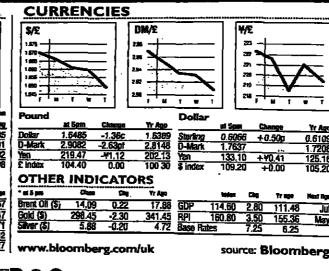
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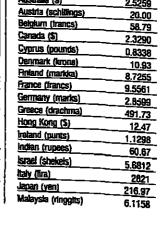
"Interest rates have reached their peak. The very weak performance from industry has settled it," said Kevin Gardiner, UK economist at Morgan Stanley.

Kate Barker, the CBI's chief economist, welcomed the decision by the Bank's Monetary Policy Committee, and said the next move should be a cut in borrowing costs.









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OUTLOOK ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF YESTERDAY'S TRANSATLANTIC MERGER AND WORRYING SIGNS FROM THE FAR EAST

Daimler walks away with the big prize

THE most obvious winner from yesterday's astonishing trans-Atlantic merger of Daimler Benz and Chrysler is not Stuttgart or Detroit, but London, the neutral, international ground on which the two chose formally to announce their marriage to the world. London was apparently chosen because it was "easy to get to" and sent the right message to the world. This deal is nothing to do with the single currency, the factor that seems to be driving most consolidation in European industry, Juergen Schrempp, chairman of Daimler, insisted.

Rather it is intended as a truly global alliance in an industry, automobiles, which is one of the few to boost truly global brands. London seemed like the most appropriate place for such a deal. London is where the international investment community is based and in any case, it just wouldn't have been diplomatic to hold the presentation on either German or US soil, would it? That might have seemed too much like a takeover and national sensitivities would have been upset consequently.

Unfortunately, once the marketing hype is discarded, that is precisely what we find - this is a German takeover by Daimler of its weaker American counterpart in almost every respect. Daimler gets the lion's share of the stock, a disproportionate number of executive positions, and once Robert Eaton bows out in three years time, Mr Schrempp will be left in sole control of the top job.

Even in name, the new combine will be a German company, an Aktiengesellschaft, or AG, rather than an Inc, and

it will operate under the German model chance like it; Ford and General Motors Daimler will move decisively away from of co-determination, complete with a supervisory board with union represenlation. Quite what American stock markets will make of this altogether alien

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concept, is anyone's guess. The bigger question, though, is whether the daunting cultural differences that managerially separate these two companies can be bridged, so that the new company operates on a unified basis.

Certainly they are complementary enough in terms of geographic spread and product. Daimler is strong in Europe, Chrysler in North America. Daimler's strength is in top-of-the-range cars, Chrysler's in vans, jeeps and people carriers. As a result, the deal should encounter few regulatory obstacles. Indeed, this partly explains why Juergen Schrempp went to the US for a deal.

Any takeover of size in Europe would have sparked immediate competition problems and, despite currency union, would probably have stirred national passions a good deal more vigorously than the link up with Chrysler will.

While Volkswagon and BMW have been slogging it out over the amusing but faintly irrelevant British sideshow of Rolls Royce Motors, Daimler has kept its eye on the big prize - America's third largest vehicle manufacturer - and stolen it from under their noses. We shouldn't altogether discount the possibility that someone will break in to spoil the party, but it seems doubtful anyone else has done the degree of nec-

essary homework undertaken by these two. All the same, there won't be another

are too big to be swallowed, and in any case, it is hard to see any other combination of size which is as neat a fit as this one. Ford and Fiat, for instance, eventually foundered because of the degree of overlap between their models. On one level, then, it is a clever game that Mr Schrempp has played. By wooing Chrysler over a three year period and finally winning its hand, while his two German counterparts hared after the trophy asset of Rolls Royce, he has probably ensured that Daimler will always be hunter rather than hunted as the inexorable process of consolidation among the world's vehicle manufacturers continues to accelerate.

However, none of these strategic considerations should be allowed to disguise the very considerable management challenge posed by this merger. The two companies may be a good fit, it may even be possible to achieve the economies of scale boasted of yesterday without closing factories, but making it work is going to be tough.

The important point here is that the two companies are the product of entirely difference economic models and traditions. Even among national competitors, blending rival cultures together in a way that doesn't produce years of debilitating infighting, is hard, often to the point of impossibility. Think of the difficulties when structured German communitarian capitalism meets anarchistic American style free market practices.

One possible beneficiary of the fallout is British Aerospace. Once this deal goes through, the balance and focus within aerospace and Airbus to automobiles. That may give BAe the chance it has been looking for to move centre stage in that other great and so far illusive consolidation, that of European defence industries.

Worries over China

WHENEVER the G7 finance ministers are meeting, as they are in London today and tomorrow, Asia manages to push itself to the top of their agenda. The ministers are here to agree a report on the region's troubles which is to be delivered to heads of government in Birmingham in a week's time. With more rioting in Indonesia, new question marks over the Japanese economic revival package, and a fresh slide in the region's share prices and currencies, what should its conclusion be?

So far there has been so little spillover from events in Asia to the western economies that a powerful magnifying glass is needed to spot it. Trade deficits among the G7 will be higher and inflation lower than otherwise. But this has come to be seen as good rather than bad news, for without a bit of a chill from Asia, the overheating US economy would need to have been cooled with an early interest rate rise.

This lack of contagion ought to come as little surprise, for all the professional gloom on the part of publicity-seeking pundits. For example, UK exports to South East Asia are equivalent to exports to Ireland.

Besides, there is little overlap between goods imported from Asia and goods produced at home. So the huge dealuations of the rupich, ringgit and baht will not crowd out Made in Britain labels from the high street and should make British retailers and consumers better off. Fears of dumped consumer goodies harming UK plc seem to be misplaced, if only because we don't make our own any more.

Japan's stagnation is more worrying for world growth prospects. No doubt the Japanese Finance Minister will get another ear-bashing from his colleagues this weekend. This is a bit unfair because the policies the Americans and others are urging on Japan are precisely those they have renounced themselves. It is hard to imagine Gordon Brown prescribing huge tax cuts and whacking great increases in public spending for the UK economy when it slows down. Nor is anybody sure that these policies will do the trick, making this course even higher risk given that Japan has the worst long-term fiscal position of any of the G7 economies.

However, the biggest worry of all must be what happens to China. Fears that this economic giant will become destabilised as a result of the Asian crisis have resurfaced. The Chinese economy is so big that any pronounced slowdown or recession might impinge noticeably on the rest of the world. More frightening still would be political instability triggered by economic and financial turmoil. The prospect of civil war in Indonesia is alarming enough, but upheaval in China would really give the G7, not to mention Wall

Judge throws out Astec shareholders' action

MINORITY shareholders in the computer power-pack maker Astec (BSR) failed in their High Court bid today to force a buyout of their shares. Mr Justice Jonathan Parker ruled that a Companies Act petition launched by the minority members, led by Norwich Union, Electra Fleming and Equitable Life, was "an abuse of the process of the court". He said the petition under section 459 and 461 of the act was based on allegations that Astec's affairs were being conducted in a manner unfairly prejudicial to members'

The shareholders sought a court order requiring Astec to buy their shares at a fair valuation. But the judge said the court move had a "collateral purpose", namely to exert pressure and force the 51 per cent majority shareholder, Emerson Electric of the US, to buy shares. The judge allowed an application by Astec and Emerson to strike out the petition. He said it was "plainly and obviously unsustainable and bound to fail".

Oil price slide knocks Shell

PROFITS at Royal Dutch/Shell, the Anglo-Dutch oil giant, fell sharply in the first quarter as a result of the slide in oil prices d the stock market with a much more robust performance than many had expected. Net income dived 23 per cent in the quarter, reflecting crude oil prices that had fallen by one third from last year. But at \$1.945bn (£1.165bn), profits came in higher than almost all market forecasts. The shares closed at

'Titanic' gain for News Corp

RUPERT MURDOCH'S News Corp reaped the rewards of sticking with the most expensive movie ever made, reporting a Titanicsized surge in third-quarter profits. News Corp's net profit jumped 24 per cent to A\$409 (£156m) in the three months to March 31, thanks largely to pre-tax profits of A\$212m from the group's Hollywood-based film studio, Fox Filmed Entertainment. Fox decided to pursue production of Titanic in early 1997 even though the film looked set to be a financial disaster movie for News Corp as its costs blew out to US\$400m.

Going still tough for BTR

BTR, the engineering company, said yesterday the strength of the British pound, the economic slowdown in South-east Asia, especially Korea, and high interest rates in Brazil were still affecting its performance. In March BTR said adverse currency movements had cut £105m off its annual group operating profits.

Capital buys Cardiff stations

CAPITAL RADIO has bought Cardiff Broadcasting Company (CBC) from Emap for £13.25m. Capital expects the acquisition to enhance its earnings in the first full financial year. CBC owns two radio stations, Red Dragon FM, broadcasting a top-40 format, and Touch AM, broadcasting classic hits from the 1960s, 70s and '80s. The transmission area covers South Wales.

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Abbeyonest (F)	66.64m (67.42m)	4.18m (3.56m)	12.2p (9.8p)	4.5p (3.8p)
Aaron Rabber (I)	128.69m (165.50r		26.5p (42.5p)	6.6p (6.15)
Blakes Clothing (F)	10.7m (9.1m)	0.987m (1.05m)	6.1 (6.9p)	1.Up (-)
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M & G Brode (f)	178.6m (134.9m)1	6.Bm (7.7m)	15.9p (6.1p)	4.6p (4.0p)
Providing (F)		448.0m (369.0m)	32.0p (24.3p)	7.13p (6s.20p)
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Sanderson Group (1)		16.6m (14.3m)	24.89p (21.66p) 11.5p (10.6p)
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Redrew (F)	57.2m (55.1m)	7.18m (8.0m)	8.70 (9.70)	240 (220)
Restore Greep	5.14m (1.07m)	1.42m (-4,29m)	10.69p (-46.83p	rill (-)
SCI Entertainment (F)	18.0m (22.3m)	0.17m (0.97m)	- (-)	6p (6p)
Sensitions (i)	38.6m (33.7m)	2.01m (1.54m)	7.2p (4.9p)	21p (1.8p)
Sharpe & Fisher (i)	23.1m (21.0m)	-0.1m (2.7m)	(2年(5年)	nl (-)
Shire Planmaceut's (F)		0.17m (1.08m)	0 Sp (3.1p)	nd (-)
Revoce Steel Apperel (I)	ALCHI (No.	1.5m (0.68m)	3.8p (2.2p)	0.5p (0.4p)
Terex Hint (f)	10.8m (4.5m)	22.6m (17.2m)	14.6p (11.2p)	3.3p (3.0p)
Tranis Parties (I)	269m (250m)	10.3m (8.8m)	9 5tp (8.36p)	3.25p (3.0p)
T&S Stores (I)	254m (249m)	2.58m (1.55m)	0.95p (0.50p)	咸(-)
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RBS chiefs (from left) Bob Spiers, Lord Young and George Mathewson, at yesterday's results announcement

Slow start for RBS and Virgin

By Paul Routledge

VIRGIN ONE - the banking joint venture between Richard Branson and the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) - has signed up less than 1,000 account holders.

"thousands" of expressions of interest and was processing lots of applications. The bank estimated it had a loan book worth £250m "in the pipeline". Industry observers were sur-

But RBS said it had had

prised at the relatively low number of customers that have signed up with Virgin One, which attracted substantial press coverage on launch last The Virgin joint venture

lost £5m in the first half of 1998,

and RBS's Tesco joint venture

lost £23m. The bank said it hoped its supermarket banking venture, which has around 600,000 customers, would break even in the year 2000. The bank also has said it is in no rush to resolve the deadlock over Birmingham Mid-

shires, the building society that

accepted a takeover offer from RBS but is seeking to break the

agreement and go for a higher offer from Halifax.. In his first public comment on the long-running saga. George Mathewson, RBS chief executive, said: "We hear what Midshires are saying, and we listen, but we don't know what's going to happen. We are not under any great pressure. It is not something that occupies much of my time."

RBS has so far refused to release Midshires from an exclusivity agreement signed when RBS made a £630m bid for the building society last summer. Under the terms of the agreement, Midshires is prohibited from talking to third parties. This includes Halifax, which made a £780m counter-offer for Midshires in March.

RBS's shares rose strongly after publication of betterthan-expected first-half figures. Profits for the six months to March rose 21 per cent to £411m before exceptionals and tax. The profit jump came despite significant provisions for Asia and losses on RBS's new joint ventures with Tesco and

RBS made a £53m firsthalf provision to help cover its exposure in the troubled Southeast Asian region. About £19m of the £53m relates to specific provisions, and RBS's total provisions for the region are now £60m.

The bank said its exposure to Korea, Indonesia and Thailand totalled £605m, or around 0.8 per cent of the group's assets. It maintained that further provisions should not be necessary as long the Asian situation stabilised.

Mr Mathewson said he was, in principle, interested in making acquisitions as long as the terms were right. "If the right thing comes up we will do it." RBS shares closed at 988p,

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Rioting alarms Asian markets

By Diane Coyle Economics Editor

RENEWED rioting in Indonesia, met with a sharp crackdown by the authorities, sent tremors through the Far East markets yesterday as investors grew alarmed about possible contagion from a political meltdown.

This week's political and financial jitters in the region have put the Asian turmoil firmly back at the top of the agenda of G7 finance ministers meeting in London today and

The concerns spilled over to London and New York. The FTSE-100 index ended 54 points lower at 5,938, while at

nations and Russia - prepare to meet in Birmingham next weekend, a new report challenges them to justify the hidden costs of globalisation, writes Diane Coyle. Issued against a background of riots in Indonesia and further financial market weakness in Asia, the document from the New Economics Foundation puts the costs of the move to a global economy at more than \$200bn (£120m) a year. The figure includes pollution costs, subsidies for cheap energy and transport, social welfare costs and the cost of international rescues.

AS LEADERS of the C8 countries - the seven leading industrial

midday the Dow Jones Industrials index was 42 points down at 9,012.30 and heading for the 9,000 barrier. These followed a fall of 101

points in Japan's Nikkei 225 share price index to 15,143.03 and a 137 point, or 2 per cent, drop in the Hang Seng index to 9,971.93, below the psychological barrier of 10,000.

In Hong Kong concern about Indonesia was coupled with rumours of a possible devaluation

of the Chinese currency. Fears of a devaluation have been over hanging the markets for some months. Yesterday's jitters were sparked by reports of a paper delivered by the chief economist of the People's Bank of China, the country's central

bank, suggesting that the country would face economic problems unless the yuan was devalued in the second half of

These suggestions fly in the face of repeated assurances by Chinese leaders that there is no question of devaluation. Yesterday Tung Chee-hwa, Hong Kong's chief executive, joined the chorus, telling an international conference that China would stick to its policy.

The Indonesian currency fell quickly when trading began yesterday, dropping to below 10,000 against the dollar, although it picked up to 9,300 by the close. This still represented a dive compared with its 8,850 level on Wednesday.

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THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

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Solid success from RBS

BROAD-MINDED is not the word you would automatically associate with Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS), given the way it has handled its proposed takeover of Birmingham Midshires. RBS is doggedly refusing to let Midshires talk to Halifax, which has already put a higher offer for the building society on the table.

But a brief look at RBS's track record suggests the bank has proved to be far more flexible in its approach to acquisitions and new ventures. than many of its peers.

RBS has made inroads in markets where many have feared to tread - the US and supermarket banking, for example. It has also resisted the irritating temptation to slap its brand name on every business it invests in. Its Direct Line brand is one of the best known UK insurance brands.

RBS's alliances and acquisitions have, on the whole. been good news for shareholders. The shares, although off recent highs, have more or less doubled in the last 12 months. They closed yesterday at 988p, up 54.5p on the back of a better than expected set of first half results.

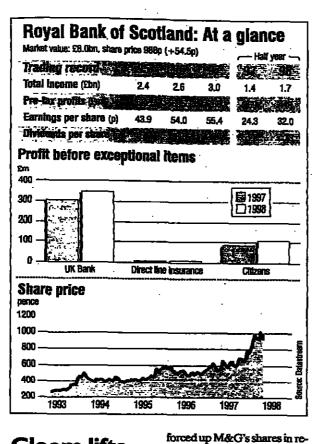
In the six months to March, underlying pre-tax profits at the bank rose by 21 per cent to £411m and the interim dividend was increased by 15 per cent to 7.13p a share. The figures were boosted by strong performances from the group's UK bank and from Citizens, its US subsidiary. Profits at the UK bank were up 25 per cent before provisions to £461m. Citizens' profit rose 30 per cent to £108m.

The results were not without a few wobbles, most notably the bank's Asian provisions. RBS has set aside £53m this half, taking its total provisions for the region to £60m. But that could rise again if the Asian economic crisis worsens.

Other weak points include news that account-holders at Virgin One, its joint venture with Richard Branson's empire, number less than 1,000, although RBS insists more ap-

bolster its retail operations vestments cashed in rose by 10 south of the border, dabbling in per cent to over £100m. some type of acquisition activbe in the mega-bank league.

Like most banking stocks. look a touch pricey - especially after yesterday's favourable market reaction. Analysts' forecasts now put the company on a forward p/e of 15. However business with bright prospects. The shares are worth hanging on to for longer-term growth.



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stipped 12.5p to 1862.5p yes-

terday, putting them on a forward p/e of 26. Despite the

better prospects that does not

look cheap, given that Mercury

Asset Management was sold for a lower multiple. Hold.

Lynx finds the

right IT niche

IF ANYONE was in any doubt

that IT stocks are hot proper-

ty the popularity of Computa-

center's flotation has confirmed

it. But it is not just the big com-

puting groups which are riding

the crest of the outsourcing

wave. Lynx provides the likes

of finance and car companies

with all their IT needs. And it

has developed a lucrative niche

by teaming up with software

groups to provide their clients

Lynx has enjoyed an explo-

sive growth rate over the last

few years, fuelled by judicious

acquisitions and an acceleration

in the trend for companies to

25 per cent was achieved de-

spite a rise in wage costs due

run. Its shares have almost

tripled since last August and

closed up another 14.5p to

223.5p yesterday. House broker

Henderson Crosthwaite fore-

casts current year profits of

£12.8m rising to £15.46m in the

next 12 months, putting the

shares on a prospective p/e of

26 falling to 22. Lyox is not the

bargain it once was but the

Nottingham Forest

Share price, pence

shares still look attractive.

Lynx has had a storming

to a shortage of workers.

Pre-tax profits rose 49 per cent to £5.5m in the six months

with computers.

Gloom lifts for M&G

AFTER a gloomy few years, there might finally be light at the end of the tunnel for M&G, the fund management group.

Eighteen months ago, it began to suffer a haemorrhaging of funds as its investment performance came under fierce attack. The problem was M&G's distinctive identity as a "value" investor. Its strategy of picking small-cap, highyielding stocks which it believed had strong earnings potential proved to be flawed.

After hundreds of millions of pounds poured out, Michael McLintock was brought in as chief executive and senior management was largely replaced. Stock-picking methods were broadened, and its flagship funds were transformed from some of the worst performing to some of the best.

Unfortunately, independent financial advisers, who bring M&G a large chunk of its new business, tend to judge investment performance over three farm out work to third parties. or five years. On that timescale, plications are in the pipeline. Its performance record is still The coming year or so is like-tarnished. In the six months to to March. An impressive

In the middle of a PEP boity, though deals are unlikely to nanza for other fund managers, this was a cruel verdict on M&G. But investing in RBS's shares are beginning to smaller companies is now back in vogue and M&G will be well placed when the government launches its individual savings accounts next year.

Profits in the six months to RBS is undoubtedly a solid 31 March rose to £38.1m and analysts forecast current-year earnings of £77m.

Takeover speculation has

British Ports prepares **US** bid

By Andrew Yates

ASSOCIATED British Ports, the UK's largest ports operator, is planning its first foray overseas. The group announced yesterday that it was in takeover talks with American Port Services, the US port group and car importer, which promises to open a new chapter in its his-

ABP said it may bid about £98m or 190p a share for American Port Services. Tim Chadwick, the group's chairman, stands to become a multi-millionaire from the deal.

Andrew Smith, ABP's managing director, said yesterday: "American Port Services is slap bang in the middle of our declared strategy. We have made an offer of 190p in cash, which has not quite yet been formally recommended to sharehold-

ABP's shares slipped 6p to 369p, while American Port's stock rose 14p to 179p in anticipation of a bid.

ABP has been criticised by some institutions for missing chances to bid for ports coming up for privatisation around the world. This deal would give it give it a chance to tender for ports being put up for sale by American local authorities.

However City analysts treated news of the planned acquisition with caution. One observer pointed out that the acquisition marked a U-turn, takport-related activities that it in 1999.

had previously tried to get out

American Port Services owns five ports on the eastern and western seaboards of the

The group's shares fell sharply in December after a profit warning. The company said then that the negative impact of the Far East economic crisis on imports of US cars to Asia would hit profits.

American Port could be the first in a number of acquisitions for ABP as Andrew Smith tries to transform its financial fortunes. By 2000 bis aim is to have 25 per cent of the group's earnings coming from acquisitions.

ABP also intends to increase the number of services that the group provides in the ports its currently manages.

Mr Smith said he wants the company to become more "operational", by running, for instance, services such as grain and container terminals whereas currently it merely collects dues from incoming ships, and provide a similar range of services as its prospective acquisition already does.

American Port Services provides many of its customers with value-added low technology a foothold in the US market and services. At its car terminals, for example, it will add roof-racks, or sun roofs, and also wash vehicles so they can go straight into showrooms.

Mr Smith said that he expects the offer to be recommended shortly, adding that, at the current offer price, the acing ABP into the sort of quisition will enhance earnings



Hot property: Cheryl Crow, one of PolyGram's big names

PolyGram [©] price leaps on sale hope

By Andrew Verity

POLYGRAM, the world's biggest music company, yesterday welcomed a statement by Phillips, its owner, which had faelled speculation that a sale 🕻 🕽 of the company was imminent.

Philips, the Dutch electronics group, said it was "evaluating various strategic options" with respect to its 75 per cent stake in PolyGram, causing Polygram's shares to shoot up by 12.4 per cent.

A spokeswoman for Poly-Gram said: "We embrace any strategic options which will maximise any long-term value for our shareholders as well as opportunities for our management team and their

Analysts said the timing of the announcement suggested 🕻 Philips was courting Seagram, the US entertainment company thought to be bidding for EMI.

City analysts believe there may also be interest from Disney or Dreamworks, two rivals of Seagram, which owns Universal Studios. Disney is known to have an interest in stepping up its music operations.

Bertelsmann, touted as a possible European buyer, is effectively ruled out on competition grounds.

Matalan couple net £23m

By Andrew Yates

JOHN Hargreaves, founder and executive chairman of Matalan, the out-of-town dothing retail chain, and his wife Anne-Marie have raised £23m through selling part of their stake to financial institutions. Mr Hargreaves and his family still own around 65 per cent of

floats on the stock market next

chief executive, and Ian Smith, finance director, stand to become millionaires from the flotation. Mr Monro will own shares worth £3.2m, having exercised options and could receive more worth £1.9m. Mr Smith is sitting on shares worth almost £2m and is entitled to up the group, which will be valued to £600,000 worth of shares unat more than £128m when it der the option scheme.

Matalan has been priced at £196.7m, equivalent to 235p a Angus Monro, Matalan's share. It will start trading on a historical multiple of nearly 20

Matalan sells branded goods such as Calvin Klein and Nike at knockdown prices. Mr Hargreaves, who started selling from a market stall, has presided over the rapid expansion of Matalan in recent years. The group is raising more than £10m to grow its chain of stores.

Investigation follows Northern Rock complaints

into high street banks which fail raised about recent industry

practices.

The investigation follows an uproar among customers of Northern Rock, the former building society which became a bank last autumn.

Helen Liddell, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, that consumers have confidence

THE GOVERNMENT yester- said: "I am extremely con- based on clear and accessible inday launched a full investigation cerned about evidence of banks formation in the banks and not being straightforward in to deal openly with their cus- their dealing with their customers after concerns were tomers-in particular, not alerting customers that they could get a better deal with a different account. I have asked my

> Mrs Liddell said she would speak shortly to the banks with a view to toughening the Banking Code. "I am keen to ensure

officials to investigate urgently."

building societies they do business with."

In the last week of April, thousands of savers with Northern Rock were switched between bank accounts without being consulted. Eleven kinds of bank account were merged into three. In many cases, interest rates were lowered.

Northern Rock justified its decision on the basis that there

losers from the changes. Yesterday, Mrs Liddell met

the Public Accounts Committee, who brought the behaviour of Northern Rock to her attention. Mr Davis complained that people had not been told of interest rates going down. Such is the anger over

Northern Rock's decision that its switchboards have been con-

would be as many gainers as querying the changes. The Office of Fair Trading and the Banking Ombudsman have re-David Davis MP, chairman of ceived complaints and are considering whether to take action.

> Professor Roy Goode, a Northern Rock saver who also led the government inquiry into the Maxwell affair, has branded the move "unfair and improper".

Northern Rock has in the past said it is on the right side of the Banking Code, but was last tinually jammed by savers night unavailable for comment.

Why soccer stars have share prices at their feet

Tottenham Hotspur

Share price, pence

By Andrew Yates

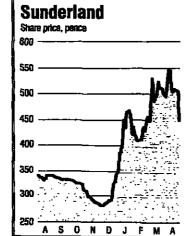
AS the football season reaches its hectic climax the difference between success and failure can all hinge on the result of one match.

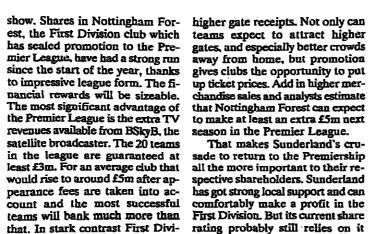
But these days it is not just the fans that have a lot resting on the fate of their favourite teams. Come the final whistle shareholders will also be left feeling as sick as a parrot or over the moon

Thousands of investors in Arsenal celebrated along with supporters after their exuberant 4-0 victory over Everton last Sunday which clinched the Premiership title. The club's success has seen demand for its debentures, which are traded on the Ofex matched bar- show. Shares in Nottingham Forgain system, reach new heights. They are now almost impossible to get hold of. In contrast Manchester City's shares, which are also traded on Ofex, slipped 10p to 85p to impressive league form. The fias the City digested the news that the club has been consigned to the Second Division.

In a game increasingly dominated by money, one bit of dazzling satellite broadcaster. The 20 teams skill from an opposing player can cost a club millions of pounds in lost profits. With the gulf between the Premier League and the First Division ever widening, promotion can transform the financial fortunes of a club, while relegation can spell disaster.

Performance on the pitch has an important bearing on the football come. share prices as the charts above





sion clubs are lucky to make more

than £1m a season from TV in-

teams expect to attract higher gates, and especially better crowds away from home, but promotion gives clubs the opportunity to put up ticket prices. Add in higher merchandise sales and analysts estimate that Nottingham Forest can expect to make at least an extra £5m next season in the Premier League.

That makes Sunderland's crusade to return to the Premiership all the more important to their respective shareholders. Sunderland has got strong local support and can comfortably make a profit in the First Division. But its current share rating probably still relies on it achieving its goal of a place in the Premiership. Sunderland's shares have risen sharply since last De- as an extra parachute payment for cember but some City analysts be- relegated clubs from BSkyB runs Bolton will win their battle against

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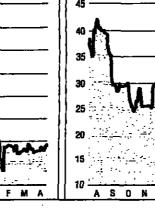
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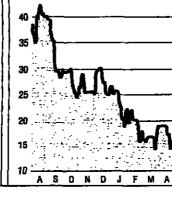
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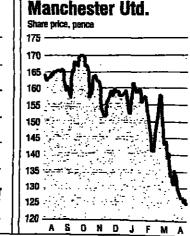
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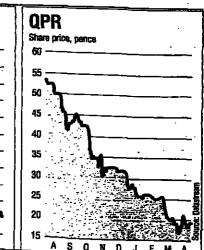
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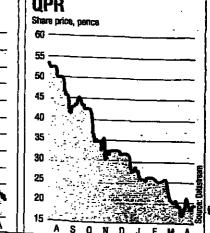
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Share price, pence

out next season.







Charlton and Sheffield United, which are also vying for promotion Too many clubs places in the forthcoming Division One play-offs, could also suffer a were over-hyped similar fate. With only one promotion spot up for grabs, somebody when they came is bound to be a loser. The price of failure can be seen to the market at Loftus Road, which owns QPR, the west London club. It has invested heavily in players to regain its position in foot-

heading for relegation such as Burnden Leisure, which owns Bolton, has been dire. However a wage costs and lower TV revenues 5-2 win over Crystal Palace last weekend could change all that.

relegation if they win their final match of the season. Shares in Burnden Leisure have risen 6p to 22p since the weekend on renewed hopes of their survival in the top flight. Tottenham Hotspur has also

had a terrible run on and off the pitch. The club has admitted it would have lost £4m in revenues on relegation. Some analysts estimat= ed the actual figures could have been double that. That said, a 6-2 thrashing of

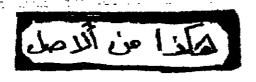
Wimbledon last Saturday should ensure they stay up and help support the club's flagging share price. The shares have edged up 3.5p to 73p since the weekend.

But match day success is not the only thing that determines share prices. It affects the financial for-

tunes of each club to a varying degree. Manchester United, Britain's most successful and mature football club, has an excellent business away from the pitch. It has already lost its Premiership crown this season to Arsenal, but the impact on its profits is far less than the large fall in its share price of the last few months would suggest.

Football shares generally have had a terrible season. Too many over-hyped and over-priced clubs came to the market in the 1996/7 season and the sector is still suffering from the hangover.

Poor liquidity has created violent swings in share prices. But the World Cup and the promise of payper-view TV could finally bring renewed optimism to a sector by the time a new season kicks off...



MARKET REPORT



DEREK PAIN

JUST HOW much is EMI deal since the creation last year mid and small cap shares were £51.25m share exchange offer. ponders whether a bidder will eventually materialise the shares, in often busy trading. dipped 15p to 575p. When the takeover approach was announced last week they

touched 607.5p. Decidedly cautious comments from Seagram, the Canadian drinks group which emerged as the favourite to pounce, has helped undermine the showbiz group's

This week, to promote its results, Seagram held a telephone conference with analysts. Most, it appears, were left with the impression a bid group. was unlikely at anything near the price, say 700p, the stock market would regard as

And Seagram apparently underlined its refuctance to get too deeply involved with Allied Domecq, up 6.5p at 627p. Seagram and Allied have come under intense pressure to do a downbeat session although ternational produced a

worth? As the stock market of Diageo, the Grand Metropolitan/Guimess cocktail,

But Seagram is not interdominant Bronfman family shareholding, which would seem to rule out a merger of Allied and Seagram's spirits operations. Distribution deals seems the extent of any Seagram involvement.

The Canadian group, if analysts read the message cor- stream of takeover bids on the rectly, is unfazed by the market's undercard, which has creation of Diageo and, although it would welcome EML is unhappy about the mid and small cap stocks reprice put on the showbiz main under-priced.

Credit Lyonnais, the investment house, believes without a bid EMI is worth only 468p. Even a bid, believes analyst Nick Ward, would be no more than 630p with a battle the price to 750p.

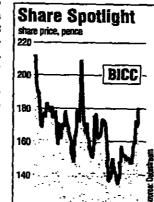
again resilient. Footsie lost 54.4 points to 5,938; at one time it was down 93. The mid cap inested in any arrangement dex restricted its fall to 2.7 and which would undermine the the FTSE small cap index displayed utter contempt for its peers, jumping 9.8 to a peak

> The market has been catching its breath, awaiting corporate action among the Footsie stocks. Little has occurred. Instead there has been a steady served to underline that, despite their recent strength,

of 2.685.9.

The latest bid action involved American Port Services, Jeyes, Spargo Consulting and Zetters. APS rose 14p to 179p on the possibility of an offer from Associated British Ports, down 6p for control necessary to spin to 369p. Jeyes, famed for its disinfectants, jumped 51.5p Blue chips suffered another to 241p as Irish group IWP InMany suspect a counter-bid will appear.

pools group for long in the bid arena, hardened 12p to 158.5p after admitting its wideranging talks could lead to an offer. Spargo Consulting, the computer group, improved 27.5p to 317.5p as it declared it was in bid talks.



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struction group, was given another takeover whirl, up 7.5p Zetters, the bingo and to 181p. Sterling's less ebullient display also helped.

The Daimler-Benz \$924bn merger with Chrysler continued to drive a coach and horses through accepted motor industry wisdom. Speculation about a variety of alliances helped a number of shares higher, including Rolls-Royce, which has acquired control of what remains of Fokker, the Dutch aircraft maker, and clinched a \$275m US order. The shares climbed

10.5p to 298p.
The Lourho rejig lifted the remnants of the international trading group 6.5p to 336.5p with debutante Lonrho Africa, representing the group's African non-mining interests, in line with expectations at 85p.

Geo Inter Active Media improved 15p to 161.5p. It has signed distribution deals for the last three years. Greece, Italy and Korea. The dominant shareholders, it were 81p.

BICC, the cable and con- seems, are keen to reduce their direct involvement and have been trying to sell shares

> exercise is also expected. Ourrently the Israeli group is 80 per cent owned by directors and associates. European Colour jumped 10p to 71p although chief ex-

ecutive Mike Armitage said he

to institutions. A fund raising

was not in bid talks and no approach had been made. Clyde Blowers was the latest high-flyer to feel the impact of over-optimistic hopes when it produced a profits warning. The shares fell 64p to 189p. Last year they were

Money broker Trio managed a 1p gain to 4.75p. It achieved a £359,000 interim profit against a £2m loss and chairman David Hagan lifted his stake to 9.92 per cent, buying 100,000 shares at 4.5p. The company has made losses for

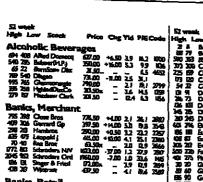
Five years ago the shares

TAKING STOCK

ESSEX Furniture fell 3.5p to 45.5p, lowest for six years, after reporting little changed profits of £913,000. Last year's election, the death of the Princess of Wales and intense competition were blamed for the flat display. But Essex, with 34 showrooms and venturing further north from its Southend-on-Sea base, is looking for better things this year. Profits should bit at least £1.5m, perhaps midge £2,m.

INTER Alliance, building a national spread of financial advisers, is heading for AIM under the direction of stockbroker Brewin Dolphin Bell Lawrie. It is raising £3.95m, selling shares at 325n. The company pulled in £3m through a placing in January.

ON OFEX, British Taxpayers Association, planning a network of tax advisory offices, fell 6.5p to 2p as Clover Communications acquired the 29.9 per cent of the capital it sought at 0.5p a share. BTA is likely to attempt to expand through acquisitions.



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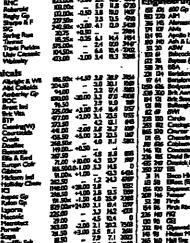




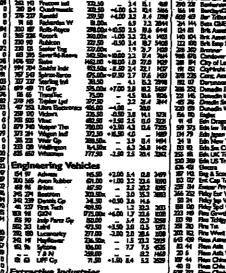


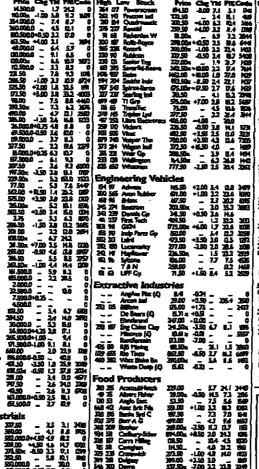


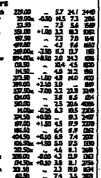


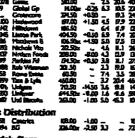
















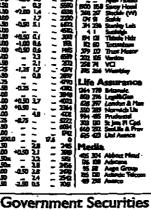


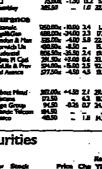


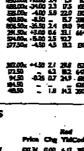


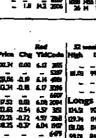


















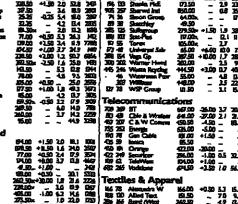
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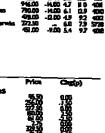












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Four years of speculation? We'll all be nervous wrecks



DIANE **COYLE** ON THE RISKS FOR STERLING AS IT WAITS ON THE SIDELINES OF THE SINGLE **CURRENCY**

knowns about the single Enropean currency is how its creation will affect those countries like the UK that are staying out for now. Pundits who do not really like the euro and think it doomed to disaster predict that Britain will look increasingly like an island of serenity in the storm-tossed seas of the financial markets.

Its safe haven status will attract overseas investors, leaving us with the dubious accolade of a very strong currency for the foreseeable future. Rough for exporters, but rather flattering.

But there is a good case to be made for the view that staying outside the mammoth new currency will actually expose sterling to speculative frenzy. It all depends on what the mass of opinion in the financial markets decides to believe about the Government's policy towards the euro, and how credible that policy is.

The basics of an argument that speculators will decide to not. put the pound under pressure can be found in an essay by Paul Krugman, the eminent professor of economics at the Massachusetts Institute of only does a given level for the and illuminating new book*.

Professor Krugman has been a long-standing mild sceptic about the euro, and in means everybody. will want a chapter written last year argued that the likely member wants out. currencies were vulnerable to speculative attack.

That did not happen, but the same arguments apply to sterling during what the Government apparently intends to be a five-year period of preparation.

The argument starts with the simple observation that there are just two questions that matter about exchange from inflationary pressures rates. Is it helpful to the economy for them to be able to adjust? And do the currency markets get their judgements on the appropriate level for a given currency about right

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As Professor Krugman exaccept that there can be selffulfilling currency crises. Not markets believe the authorities will do everything necessary to defend it, but the herd instinct out if they think everyone else

What about the first question? Here, the answer is less obvious. The possibility of devaluation allows extra flexibility in managing the economy, and can be a godsend during a recession - as the UK found after September 1992.

On the other hand, the possibility of devaluation can just offer a short-term escape which ends up making the price spiral even worse - as the UK discovered in previous devaluations. Economists can cheerfully argue this both ways indefinitely.

Depending on your answer

reacy membership, but recognise that a majority of people plains, many economists now fall into the "nervous wreck" category that offers the worst of both worlds - you think a flexible exchange rate is use-Technology, in his entertaining exchange rate hold only if the ful, but believe the currency market is likely to be periodically destructive if the rate can

> There are really only two possible cures in a world where traders can shift billions of dollars worth of funds between currencies in an instant. Either stop caring about the level of the currency - in other words, do not trust the market but do not mind where it takes you either. Or decide that the freedom of flexibility is not worth the candle and fix the level of the exchange rate with a totally credible policy, such as joining the single currency. Both amount to switching boxes,

floater or a determined fixer. It is staying in the nervous wreck box that makes a given currency such good sport for speculators. For example, the

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retical possibility of devaluation with a policy of resisting it. As soon as the markets believed the fixed exchange rate was no longer credible, because the Thai government was not prepared to stick to economic policies consistent with it, it was only a matter of time until the baht bubble

The British Government

falls firmly into the vulnerable nervous wreck category at the moment and - even worse until it holds a referendum on Emu membership and joins the single currency irrevocably. There is at least a four-year window of opportunity for speculation against sterling. By definition, the Government does not think it worth giving up its exchange rate freedom yet, or it would have joined the first wave. Nor is it happy with sterling finding its own level in the markets. Ouite the reverse - it seems to have a pretty specific level for the pound, around DM2.60, in

A long transition period; a policy likely to be targeted at an exchange rate that will require interest rates to be set at a level unsuitable on domestic grounds at some stage; and on top of that real political uncertainty about whether the Government as a whole - not just the Chancellor - truly wants to join the single currency. It is a recipe for what Professor Krugman describes

as "speculative havoc". He recommends instead what has become known as the Nike strategy: "just do it". If the UK is ever going to join Emu, it should just join.

It is advice likely to be ignored. The pound is strong now but watch out for a sterling crisis when it has drifted down to a more reasonable level and the speculation that the government is shadowing the euro begins.

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CLIFFORD GERMAN



NAIM ATTALLAH has chosen an equally cosmopolitan figure as chief executive of his private company Namara Group, which combines publishing interests such as Quartet Books, the Women's Press, the Literary Review and the Oldie with hand-made chocolates and fine art sales. Mr Attaliah met American-born Madeleine Alatas socially back in the 1980s when she was married to a wealthy Saudi.

She herself has a hatful of qualifications, including an MBA from Pennsylvania University and degrees in international law and economics. She went on to work as a management consultant at McKinsey and a merchant banker at Lazards and ran a corporate finance boutique in the City advising wealthy individuals. Mr Atallah tells me he intends to take things easier and enjoy life more. He also hints that Mrs Alatas could eventually be his heir-apparent.

WIM DUISENBERG is not the only Dutch central banker on the move. I hear that Tom de Swaan, head of banking supervision at the central bank of the Netherlands, will be joining the board of ABN Amro, the owners of Hoare Govett, next January, after spending seven months familiarising himself with the bank's operations, and letting his knowledge of the hottest secrets of its commercial rivals cool.

He will also have to wait until the autumn, when the board meets to share out special responsibilities for the next few years. Mr de Swaan is a prominent supporter of the arts and is currently chairman of the Dutch National Opera company.

BARRIE WELLS, the cricket-loving managing director of Prospero Direct, the Lancasterbased direct writer of household and motor insurance now part the global Axa Group, took time off from reading the new edition of Wisden yesterday to tell me a curious tale from the undercover world of direct insurance.

His computer recently picked up seven applications over a two-week period for household insurance from seven different individuals, all male and all giving the same

two-bedroomed house in Glasgow as their home address.

Concerned at this complex state of affairs, and discounting all the more imaginative possible explanations for what was going on, Prospero wrote back tongue in cheek to all seven applicants regretting that it was unable to quote an appropriate premium as its records showed that the property was a bad risk because it was grossly over-crowded.

Some time later a shamefaced Eagle Star executive admitted that all the enquiries had originated from his own mystery shopping department, a marketing tool which all insurers use these days to monitor the premiums competitors are charging.

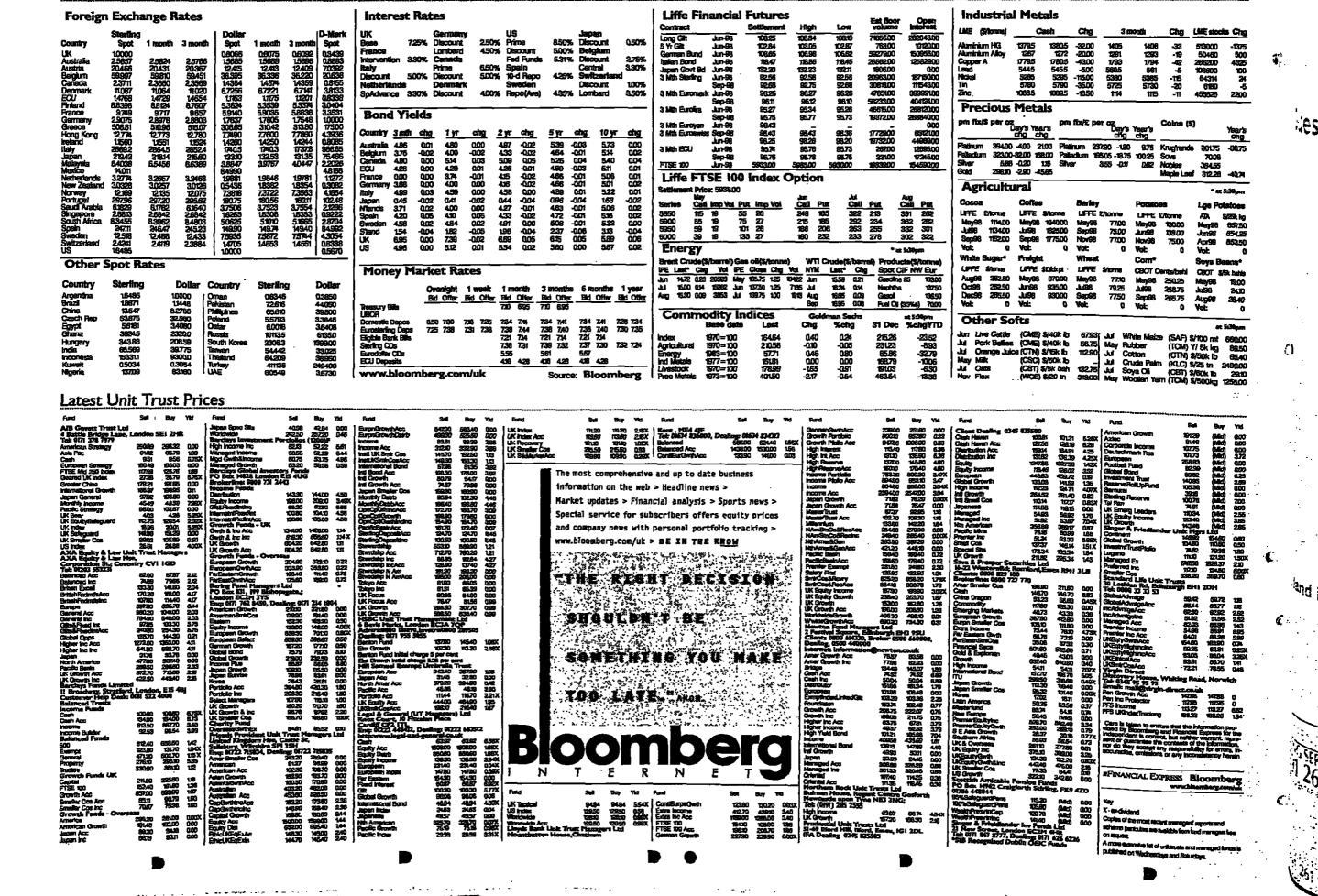
THE BOARD of National Provident Institution, the Kent-based mutual insurer best known for the TV ad showing squirrels accumulating mounds of nuts, took time off from a two-day meeting on the future strategy of the business to confirm David Roberts, the current chairman of the remuneration committee, as its new deputy chairman. Mr Roberts is also chairman of the NAAFI, the legendary purveyor of tea and comfort to generations of servicemen and women, which is currently restructuring to meet the challenge of providing more facilities for fewer customers.

He succeeds Lord Camoys; the merchant banker, Oxfordshire landowner and holder of one of the oldest Catholic peerages in the country, who stepped down after 16 years on the NPI board, six of them as deputy chairman, to become Lord Chamberlain to the Queen.

DAVID NEWBIGGING, the chairman of Equitas the company which picked up responsibility for all those annoying debts at Lloyd's of London, is stepping up from deputy chairman to chairman of Friends Provident, in succession to Lord Jenkin of Roding, the former Tory minister. The new deputy chairman is Barbara Thomas a former commissioner of the US Securities and Exchange Commission, now executive chairman of Whitworths Group and an adviser to the London Symphony Orchestra

NEIL MORRISSEY, the love-struck Scouser from the TV show Men Behaving Badly has agreed to kick off in City World Cup 98, this year's annual Human Table Football competition in aid of Save the Children, and sponsored by HSBC Holdings. The third annual staging of the competition will be at Broadgate Arena in the City of London during the first week in June and features teams of 10 grown men and women strapped to poles which run across the inflatable pitch, allowing the players to kick the ball but not to chase it up and down.

Last year Athletico Imro beat the Soccer Generals (from Société Générale of course) 5-3. Special prizes this year include tickets to the Romania v Tunisia game in Paris with free travel and hospitality. Teams wanting to take part are asked to put up an entry fee of £250 and pledge a further minimum of £200 in sponsorship. Call Helen Barnes on 0171 716 2324 for entry forms.



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Stretarez a snip for Williams

By Richard Edmondson at Chester

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VENETIA WILLIAMS is the leading National Hunt trainer of major irresponsible riding. according to percentages, with a winning strike-rate of 28 per cent. She now occupies a similar position in the Flat table and claim fourth place and doubtthe ratio is even better - 100 per less prompted the retrieval of

Ormonde Stakes. It was a sur- money. prise in the betting ring (the 25-1) and an even greater shock ly gobsmacked," Williams said. win the previous day. This "I was just so relieved that he was still in touch with them going down the back, that he hadn't dropped out."

Stretarez has been in residence at Hereford for only six weeks following his purchase from Dominique Sepulchre's didn't help. "It was a joke," he French yard. He brought with him good form, having beaten Grey Shot in the Group Two Prix Vicomtesse Vigier at Longchamp a year ago, though his price was so reasonable livery came down the box ramp.

"He wasn't cheap either, but I ful near misses, think we got a Group winner for a handicap price."

get will now be the Ascot Gold lix's four-length success in the hibernate rather than compete over the winter.

This contest provided a happier episode for Kevin Darley, the in-form Darryll Holland, who will be off games for a week leaving little puffs of earth in his following a Pamplona bull run wake. The chestnut may now atof an earlier race. Eighteen run-tempt the race Barry has nevners around the tightest turns er won, "If he hadn't have got in the land is a recipe as explo- beat in his maiden at Doncastsive as mitroglycerin, and the er he certainly would have been detonations came early in the in the Derby, but that doesn't

barged two of their rivals in the Hills said. desperate scramble for a place next to the rail, and were in turn plementary and the Prince will shoved themselves as Cantina have to cough up £75,000 to run. and Danny Wright tried to Contributions are welcome. make the tightest lane their

own. Cantina crossed the line first and Albert The Bear third, but both were thrown out as their jockeys were found guilty

Wright too got a seven-day suspension. The revised placings allowed Nomore Mr Niceguy 10 many little bits of betting slip up Stretarez won on both his and down the country. Horses British debut and Williams's on which originally finish sixth the Flat here yesterday in the don't often end in the place

Cantina's trainer, Alan Baifive-year-old was sent off at ley, had been feeling a little peeky anyway following the to his connections. "I'm total-celebrations of his Chester Cup

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Bramble Bear (Lingfield 3.20) NB: Palais (Nottingham 3.30)

said. "She was in front all the

"It's a bastard isn't it? One minute you've won 32 grand, and the next you've lost two."

The specification of Chester that Williams had to check a leg is both its strength and weakwas at each corner when the de-ness. The (Roman) wall of death tightness allows for spec-"He wasn't expensive at all tacular racing, but also a library considering his form," she said. of hard luck stories and plenti-

It is not a trait that has worried Barry Hills greatly and The Ormande was to be a the Lambourn trainer's winning prelude to a jumping career for total at the track ticked further Stretarez, but his immediate tar- into the 90s yesterday with Pro-Cup, and if he wins there the Dee Stakes, Hills has now won temptation will be to let him this particular contest 10 times. Prolix was rather an en-

chanting sight as he danced down the straight underneath William Hare Wynn Handicap. mean that Prince Khalid can't Darley and Albert The Bear put him in at the next stage,"

> That next stage is the sup-Results, page 29

Guest fined £1,000

fortnight ago threw his riding li- against him and at the time said cence back at officials at Perth he would not attend a Portman who had found him guilty un- Square inquiry. der the non-triers rule, yesterday had the licence withdrawn done me any good," Guest said by the Jockey Club at an inquiry yesterday. "But if I want to do in London and was fined anything in racing, riding or £1,000.

The 32-year-old rider had al- from the Jockey Club. ready been penalised on two other occasions under the rule coming to the inquiry to give and said at Perth "that's it, I'm myself a chance. It seemed the not riding again", throwing his right thing to do, but the result licence on the weighing-room was what I expected."

decision: "I have no intention ing. His uncle Joe Guest had a of race-riding again, although I riding career in the 1950s and have been told I can re-apply for 60s and his father, Charlie, was a licence on 1 August," he said. also a well-known jockey.

"I expected it, but I am unlike what I had to say after the ture if I wanted to stay in rac-

felt that Guest's behaviour to- and ran only because it was alwards officials during the initial ready there. I didn't cheat anyinquiry at Perth was unaccept- one, I have always ridden the able. Guest had suggested that same way in which I was taught."

RICHARD GUEST, who a there had been a witch hunt

"Having an opinion hasn't training, I have to have a licence

"I changed my mind about

Guest comes from a Hamp-Yesterday he confirmed that shire family long involved in rac-

"My dad will be devastated," der their rules and they didn't Guest said. "In 20 years of racing he was never in trouble of incident at Perth - I was told to any sort. "I have ridden in the consider my conduct in the fu- same style all my life and I

The horse, This is My Life, The Jockey Club stewards did not like the ground at Perth

Gulland is back in favour

makers by Gulland's narrow win ing him continuously throughout the morning.

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THE betting public seem to be price to 8-1 yesterday after laymore impressed than the book- ing him continuously through-

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DRAW ADVANTAGE: High numbers usually best on surfup to 71 Holyd.

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© LEADING TRANSERS: © L Moore 84 runners from 832 runners (63%), R Hamson 47-344 (13.7%), Lord Hundingdon 41-217 (19.9%), Mass © Kallewey 38-226 (18.9%).

© LEADING JOCKETS: J Wester 22 winners from 834 noise (21.4%), A Clark 71-577 (12.3%), R Cochrane 65-385 (17.2%), S Sanders 60-522 (10.9%).

© FAVOURTERS: 723 wins from 2,78 races (33.2%).

BLINKERED FRIST TIME: None.

1.50 WEATHERBYS DATA SERVICES MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV I) 25,000 added 71

2.20 FOSTERS FILLIES HANDICAP (CLASS E) 23,750 added

2.50	RACING CHANNEL STEVE WOOD MEMORIAL NOVICE STAKES (CLASS D) \$4,400 added 2YO 5f
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FORM GUIDS

uch Up, fourth of 17 behand Chartene Lacy in the Brooklesby Staless — a race which is ricing out well — as Doncaster on the opening day, west on to while a four-numer racial five Equitracic Cery Kellevey's runner should progress further but this can go to Calvettaris newcomer WESTMERSTER CITY. The Newmarket handler raises the cost high-mad reviews he is us to women's first frome us. Although he is by cheal Arc hero Allego. Shittain's newcomer WESTMENSTER CITY. The Newmarket handler raises the coll highly and recions he is up to warning first time up. Although he is by dual Arc hero Alleged (who doesn't causity got test juveniles) Westminister City has showed pleaty of proce at horse and no doubt gets it from his dam, who was a winning two-year-old spinists in the US. The Chesham States or the Coverity could be on the agenda for him. With Jack Berry's juveniles doing well, as usual, Desert Derling must also be legat on the right side. Shiss by Green Desert out at high-class sprinter Habbit and, therefore, a full-intens to the-furning scorer Desert List. Aegeen Flame, seventh of 22 to Rosels Timester on his introduction at Doncaster on Lincoln day, followed with a five-length Kempton second to Chempagne Rider on heavy ground at Kempton. She was began has largiffer when incounter and third to Golden Silcs on a similar surface at Newbury and should do better on this ground.

3.20 GOLDEN HORSESHOE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £3,750 added 5f Penalty Value £3,236

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FORM GUIDE

Afferderides had been off the course since a farmouth August victory when best en a length and a quarter by Philister over course and distance five weeks ago. Sure to be strictlyer for the run and with a 3D adventage, Attendances can reverse that running, bestly Jack, who was third in that sock three-quarters of a tength addit of Attendances has since gone in at Folkestons and he will not be far away meeting the selection 2b bestler. Sweet Withelmins, a triple course winner, twice at today's trip, can also figure with Frankle Destroi in the saddle, Prozideneme won four times in 1987, three of them over with Frankle Destroi in the saddle, Prozideneme won four times in 1987, three of them over course and distance. He was right of 18 to Running Stag in the Whiter Derby here in March but that was the first run stroe December.

4.20 DURTNELL LIMITED STAKES (CLASS C) £7,750 added | 77 140yds | 251 | 140yds | 252 | 140yds | 253 | 140yds | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 2

4.50 WEATHERBYS DATA SERVICES MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) (DIV II) £5,000 added 7f

Carlisle

HYPERION 2.10 Springs Noblequest 2.40 Monica's Choice 3.10 Gymcrak Premiere 3.40 Son Of Skelton 4.10 Chariles Pride 4.40 Stephensons Rocket

GOING: Good to Soft (Good in piaces), STALLS: Inside, DRAW ADVANTAGE: High numbers best in 'to races.

@Fight-hand undulating course, ADMISSION: Club ET2 (CAPs & u21s SS); Bats ST (CAPs & u21s SQ, CAR PARK; Rabe S3; rest tree.

BLEADING TRAINERS: (PIEY-EAR RECCRO); Mrs M Reveiley 14-51 (23%), J Berry 14-100 (14%), M Johnston 13-57 (194%.

@LEADING JOCKEYS: G Duffield 9-64 (41%), A Cultiums 8-50 (16%), R Winston 5-15 (333%), P Fessey 4-47 (53%).

@LANCIPIERS: 39-288 (344%).

BLURGERED FIRST TIME: Petite Denseure (410), King Uno (440), Little Henry (210), Mountain Dream (310), Sing And Dance (310).

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8 3030-0 OFHOLE (36) (D) Erroco Incisa 5 8 11
9 8122 BALLANTRAE BOY (1) (BIF) J Golde 489 (680) NACALIBY (7) 5
10 D-3362 LINISHAKEN (11) E Alston 488P Rotamon 6
11 ADD-D LA VOLTA (14) (D) Miss J Craze 5 8 8 T Williams 3 5 1
2 030-00 MUSTER WESTSOUND (14) (D) Miss L Penant 687 N Kennedy 9
13 0000-6 BREAKIN EVEN (11) J. Bre 387
14. 05-600 STEPHENSONS ROCKET (18) R Fahry 7 8 5 R Winston (5) 13
5 40031 HENRYTHE HAWK (1) (CD) M Dock 788 6a4_D Memagh (7) 15
18 3000-0 DEN(SBEN (17) (C) (D) D Smith 14 7 13
17 -25002 BELLA'S LEGACY (8) K Burles 57 10
18 000- MUSICAL PET (280) J L Eyre 3 7 10 Joanne Device (7) 12
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BETTING: 9-2 King Uno, 11-2 Birchwood Sun, 7-1 Baltamine Boy, Un-
elselson, 8-1 Mustang, 10-1 Henry The Hands, 12-1 others
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-40000 MACTIA (11) (C) J A Harris 4 9 4 ... S Righton (5) 12
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5 CORONET (24) A Stewart 89	M HODERS
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3 2062-0 POSITIVE AIR (22) B McMehon 8 9	
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5 03- TATTINGER (240) J Fenshere 89) L-1961
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8 O ROYAL PARADIE (40 J M Bradiev 9 0	١7
9 0-2 SHAPE SHIFTER (20) R Hannon 9 0	10
10 2-4 VOLONTIERS (FR) (25) (BF) P Harris 9 0	74
11 6- BRYONY BRIND (198) J Furshase 8 9	19
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BETTING: 2-1 Porto Pericos, 9-2 Palais, 5-1 Volondiers, 6-1 Shape Shift	i y
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4.00 HIGHBURY VALE HANDICAP (CLASS I £3,800 added 3YO 1m 6f	4
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1 2231 SOME MIGHT SAY (66) M Johnston 9 7	13
2 080- ST ENODOC (PR) (192) J Dunico 9 3	77
S 400-05 LEGEND OF LOVE (18) J Glover 9 D	78
8 400-05 LEGIEND OF LOVIE (18) J Glover 9 D	9
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	3 SSOCA GIFT TOKEN (7) D Channel 495
	4 4/206 MADANE CHENNERTY (305) J Eustines 4.9.5
•	5 ORI-O LUCKY DOUBLE (433 R Hernon 3 B 7
	6 640-0 BOBBYDAZZLE (13) Dr.J Scargil 3 8 4 J Quinn 1 5 declared -
	RETTING: 7-4 Gift Token, 7-2 Poler Chemp. 5-1 Madeine Chinnery, Bob-
;	bydazzle, 7-1 Lucky Double, 10-1 Northern Sun.
1	5.00 LADY BAY HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,000
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!	1 0100-0 CLASSIC DAME (52) Miss A Stoket 5 10 0 P P Murphy (5) 3
'	2 55581- BRAVE ENVOY (JAS) (C) M HERION-Bits 49 18 Pat Eddary 16
	3 53400- TOP SHELF (J188) P Beven 4 9 11
	4 2000-0 MISSILE TOE (11) D Mores 5 9 8
	5 30-722 REAR WINDOW (17) (BF) G McCourt 49 8
•	6 5-3000 REGGIE BLICK (USA) (28) J.L. Harris 4 9 7
	6 BOSO MISTER MUNICLY (205) J Jeniers 5 8 7
;	9 O/15-6 VANADRIM ORE (43) (D) W McKeown 5 9 6 M Roberts 9
	10 00223- HAYDN JAMES (140) F Herns 4 9 5
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	V 000-00 MARADI (16) 8 Curby 4 6 13 G Faultiner (5) 8 15 35580 MAZRLA (1231) (CD) A Streeter 8 8 13 R Handin (3) 2 V
	15 00004 HAWKSEELLHERRY (217) Mrs A Penett 48 12D Hamiston 7
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,	BETTING: 7-2 Rear Window, 9-2 Strave Envoy, 5-1 Haydo James, 8-1 Vana-
	class Ora 10-1 Nasad Garsen, Martin 12-1 Heatenhill House, 14-1 others

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HYPERION 6.00 Maid For Adventure 6.30 Fujiyama Crest 7.00 Grimley Gale 7.30 King Of Thieves 8.00 Linton Rocks 8.30 Bold Oriental

GOING: Good to Firm (Firm in places).

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© LEADING TRAINERS: M Pipe 28 winners from 96 numers (2225). D Micholson 17-54 (315%), K Balley 14-68 (216%), P (292%) D NEGORBON 11-7- PARCEN 27 Winners from 122 rides Plabbing JOCKEYS: A P McCoy 27 winners from 122 rides (221%), R Dumwoody 13-85 (212%), N Williamson 13-84 (16%), R Johnson 4-7-5 (187%), R Johnson 4-7-5 (187%), B JOHNSON 14-7-5 (187%), R JOHNSON 14-7-5 (187%), R JUNCERED FIRST TREE: Moonlight Air (830), Bold Oriental (830).

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6.00 SHELDON BOSLEY NOVICE CHASE
(CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m 5f 110yds
1 38423 ASHMELLBOY (19) (C) Phictus 7 th 8 ... R Durancely
2 20m F BENGERS MOOR (20) (D) Phictus 7 th 8 ... R Durancely
3 21-F1 MAD FOR ADVENTURE (44) (C) Miss Hiftigt 7 th 8 ... R Durancely
4 2256 ASHMER (148) Miss M Rowled 6 to 2 ... Gray Lyons
5 1-PPP BOURBON COUNTY (85) Miss B Wilson 8 to 12 ... D BRICHARD
6 1/D BRANKER PHAN (95) R Air 8 to 12 ... R Johnson
7 PP BRIDGE MAN (95) R Air 8 to 12 ... R Johnson
8 PODE ORIENTAL BOY (65) R Les 6 to 2 ... R Johnson
9 1PPP TANGLENOOD BOY (55) Miss D Butter 7 to 12 ... W Mineston
- 2 declared BETTING: \$4 Bengers Moor, 2-1 Autwest Boy, 7-1 Maid For Adventure,
10-1 Brandbollif Calet, Oriental Boy, 3-1 others

6.30 PRAGNELL NOVICE HURDLE SKY 6.30 PARAMETER PRINT PROPRIE TO STATE

1 0.221 CHAMPIGHE FRIEND (25) 0 O'Nell 7 il 7 V Statury
2 FIRES MOONLIGHT AR (5) (CD) J Spearing 7 il 7 ... A P INCON B
3 INTE WILLIAM O'DEE (250) P. Nichols of Il 6 ... Mr J TEXAND (3)
4 1925 OI MOTHER (85) D Nicholson 6 il 1 ... R Johnson
5 1004 JONAN POND (46) H Haynes 6 il 0 ... R Durwoody B
5 2004 JONAN POND (46) H Haynes 6 il 0 ... J Callody
7 5075 MC CLATCHEY (560) Min A BOOD 7 il 0 ... J R Frantin
8 3.3263 ROTAL BARGE (56) P Boven B il 0 ... Michael Brannen
9 3.3263 ROTAL BARGE (56) P Boven B il 0 ... M Williamson
10 0.66075 SAFE TO ASSIME (13) R Brazingon 7 il 0 ... J R Kesnamph
7 2 STROMG ARROW (56) G Hubbard 5 il 0 ... M Williamson
12 227HZ DILLENT SPOTTER (26) R Swift in 1 il 0 ... C Kinado
13 19214 WILLE B BRAVE (16) R Philips 7 il 0 ... J S Currain
14 103-PO LUCRATINE PERK (76) Min C Caroe 6 109 ... C Wiebb (3)
15 0.0007 THE BIZZO (15) J Franch 7 il 9 ... P Minolog (3)
17 0.0222 TURLOW LADY (240) (36) O Bernan 7 il 9 ... M Braumin
17 declared

BETUNG: 3-1 Fulprama Crass. 5-1 William O'Dee, 6-1 Champagna Friend,
Of Mother, 7-1 Moonlight AL, 8-1 Royal Barge, 19-1 others

LOHN & NIGEL THORNE STAY

7.00 JOHN & NIGEL THORNE SKY 1 RPPh. LORD KOJON CITO MIRO Conday 10 28 ... Mr P Conday (7)
2 10-25 SEMERIN PARIDER (R.O. Marchard V. 28 ... Mr P Conday (7)
2 10-25 SEMERIN PARIDER (R.O. Marchard V. 28 ... Mr P Conday (7)
3 -4411 GROWLEY GALE (5) (D) M. Jackson 9 21... Mr M. Jackson (7)
4 23-27 ALREST SLAKE (8) (D) TR Kiney 11 20 ... Mr G Klammer (7)
5 8-PPS ASSAREND RAMELER (8) (D) W Bush 8 20 ... Mr S Bush (6)
6 23-26 SLACKSLARD (5) (D) (D) L. Greekit 12 20 ... Mr J Grandick (7)
7 00FS1 SLACKSLARD (5) (D) (D) L. Greekit 12 20 ... Mr J Grandick (7)
8 P-SLS FACTOR TEN (6) J Richardson 10 12 0 ... Mr J Richardson (7)
9 P30-27 GENERIC (15) M Harmond B 20 ... Mr M Harmond (7)
10 PUGE GOLDER SARAMAN (27) (D) C'Neller 8 20 Mr G Mannatel (7)

— 15 doctured — BETTING: 7-4 Gricolny Gale, 5-1 Ozzin Jones, 6-1 Pector Ten, Lucky Christo-pine, 12-1 Golden Savennah, 14-1 Savern Invector, 16-1 Others

7.30 NEEDHAM & JAMES H'CAP SKY

Rocks, St Deoks, 10-1 Easthorpe, Arolan, 12-1 others

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ANNE HATHAWAY NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (E) E3,000 2mr 110ycls

1 0-333 MEDAS (44) (D) (EF) M Pipe 7 20 AP McCoy B
2 528 BULL-PINCH (87) R Philips 5 in 12 Landwinson
4 453C BARTHOLOMEW FAIR (15) C Dwysr 7 ii 4 R Farriet
5 1522 DAN DE MAN (48) (D) Miss L Scidial 7 in 4 R Doowsoody
6, 33555 SOLDIER MAK (88) J Mackin 5 in 0 E Hosthand (3)
7 97203 COUNCILLOR (13) Mes A Boyd 7 io 3 JR Kenemagh
8 354 BOLD ORBENTAL (78) C Books 4 io 3 JR Kenemagh
8 45522 HEART (24) Miss H Kright 5 io 10 JP Power (7)
10 42852 MGCHTECH TOUCH (58) L Gressock 8 io 10 Mr J Gresskin
1 PESS MADAM LUCY (F4) J Specing 4 io 8 N Williamson
2 223337 PERSAM BUTTERTY (81) (CD) R Storage 6 io 8 JC Judoly
13 34000 KOATHARY (44) AH Hervey 7 io 7 X Alzpario (3)
14 05513 BALLY PARSON (25) R Dickin 2 io 7 X Alzpario (3)
15 30036 SILBIT ACTION (25) N Smith 6 io 5 Mr Sharrett
15 31222 REAL FIRE (112) (D) M Meacher 4 io 4 J F Learly (3)
17 28046 MOOR HALL LODY (122) A Careal 7 io 4 W Mandon
17 declared
BETTIME 5-1 Misse, 7-1 Hazir, 8-1 Pennose Luck, Dan de Man, 10-1
Bartholomers Peir, Soldier Mek, Councillor, Koethery, 12-1 others

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HYPERION 5.45 Mountain Storm (nb) 6.15 New Leaf 6.45 Castle Owen 7.15 King Torus 7.45 Toskano 8.15 Freeline Fontaine

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LEADING TRAINESS: M Place - 40 winness from 57 runners gives a success ratio of 26.5%. P. Nicholle 34-149 (22.8%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: C. Meude - 11 wing 75 rides (14.7%). G. Bradley 9-4; (22%). R. Johnson 8-33 (24.2%). T. I likurphy 8-39 (20.5%).

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1 9-25 GREAT GISTO (S.) (2) Mest Bleckford 2 27 Mins Lightedford (7)

2 1-102 KONG TORUS (7) (D) V Darringli B 12 7. Mr T Mitchell (5)

3 5-1422 VITAL SONG (8) (D) (B7) M Darrin T 27 - Mr T Mitchell (5)

4 2-14 RAINGHES (6) (0) (B7) M Darrin T 24 - Mr C Gordon (7)

5 - 1501 CHISM (23) Mest LANE 7 7 20 - Mr LU J D Moore (7)

5 - 1501 GOOD IMMS HERMY (8) Wildcombs 2 20 Mr Weddocaths (7)

7 31F322 KING'S COURTTER (13) C L Tezard 9 20 Mr S Strongs (7)

8 4764F LAMALIGHT (13) (C J Dubese 11 20 Mins A Gordon (7)

9 F678 RAIC CRAZY (20) C Carts 7 20 . Mins A Gordon (7)

10 2020 SIGPN TIMES (23) R N Miller 6 2 0 Mins Mr G Miller (7)

11 1-P22 FLYNG MARIA (23) J S Feparott 7 11 9 Mr C Heard (7)

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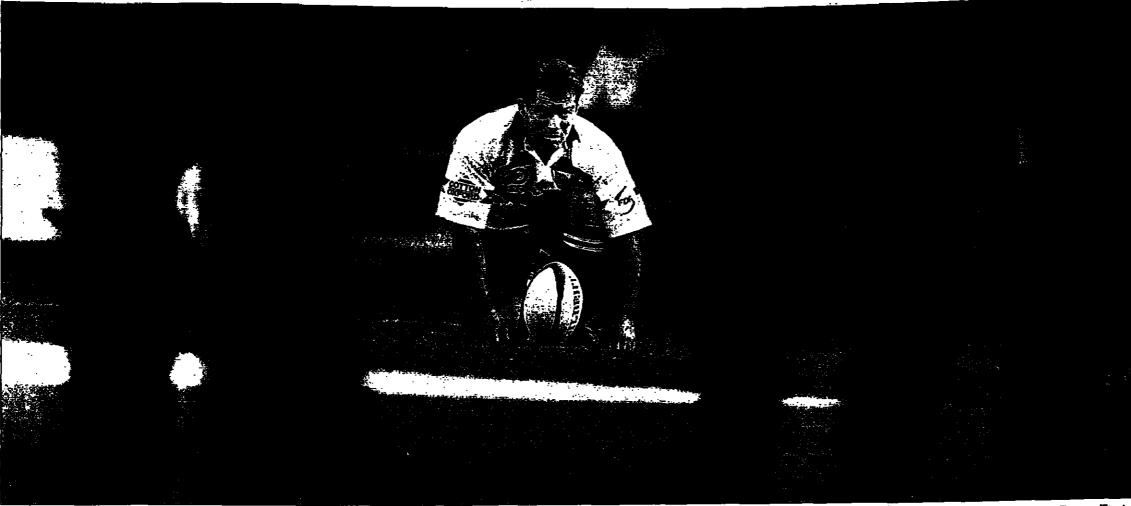
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SIGPN TIME 5-2 King Torus, 4-1 Chism, 9-2 Wall Soog, 5-1 Reinchneck, 8-1 Skip W Time, 12-1 Great Gunto, Pring Maria, 14-1 others

BETTIME 3-1 BILLION Agreement, 4-1 B Freddle, 5-1 Jacob's Wile, 13-2 Art Prince, 6-1 Seatch Boy, Technol, 16-1 Trust Geart, 13-1 others

8-15 ROCKBOURNE HANDICAP
HURDLE (F) E3,000 2m 6f

1 IBPRUS STORM RUN (53) DD F Nortols 8 20 L. L Custerins (5)
2 P-24U JIMMY'S CROSS (57) E8-1 G Baiding 8 11 '2 L. J Frost
3 54956 PRIDE OF KASTMIR (30) P Hotols 5 11 9 L. G Tomory
4 20-44 RADB (20) (30) P Richers 7 11 9 ... R Thomton V
5 USSG FREE LAFORMAR (510) (20 H Hodges 6 11 3 L Aspell (3)
6 20526 COUNTRY TAROUN (53) (61) M Fige 8 11 2 L. J Lower
8 0P20 CASUAL WATER (204) A Newcombe 7 11 1 Lik's Durnek (5)
9 1-4000 CROSSELL ISLAND (161) (85) M Fige 8 11 2 L. J Lower
8 0P20 CASUAL WATER (204) A Newcombe 7 11 1 Lik's Durnek (5)
10 55-PFO RRIVER ROOM (50) (5) C Portern 8 10 3 ... A Bains (3) 8
11 - TOMO ROSSELL ISLAND (161) (85) M Fige 8 11 2 ... D Seiter (3)
12 52793 HIGHLAND JACK (13) (7) P Hotols 10 10 9 ... L Harvey
14 48-10 LULINI (53) (Charlock 10 0 9 ... T Morition (7)
15 40-005 FRANKER MUCK (25) N Twiston-Davies 6 10 7 ... C LivewBy
18 1/50-ROAD TO AU BON (470) R Bains (1) M Fickerds
17 FESSO PERISAN SWORD (44) D Nérodson 12 10 3 Liv C Waster (7)
10 4-454 HSGH SUMBLER (25) L HERN 8 10 3 ... J Magge (5)
18 400035 RAPPY HOSSE (NZ) (15) (0) N Houte 11 10 1 ... T J Magge (5)
19 400155 RAPPY HOSSE (NZ) (15) (0) N Houte 11 10 1 ... T J Magge (5)
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10 4-650 LASTO ADREE (41) G Thorrer 7 10 ... P Jold Of Kanbenit 10 1 ... T J Magge (5)



Wasps' Gareth Rees, who will play in tomorrow's Tetley's Bitter Cup final against Saracens, more than a decade after his first Twickenham appearance

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Why Rees fears he is an endangered species

WHEN Gareth Rees first shambled scruffily onto the Wasps training pitch in 1985, the club coach took one look at him and unveiled a tailor-made, scientifically designed three-point plan for instant self-improvement. "If you pull your socks up, get yourself a haircut and take a stone off your middle, you might be all right," said Derek Arnold brusquely. Up came the socks, off went the hair and although the stone flatly refused to budge, the Canadian schoolboy played his first cup final just six months later. A dozen years on from that

initial Twickenham showpiece. Gareth Rees looks every inch the thoroughly modern, fulltime professional sportsman close-cropped, track-suited and accompanied by a garishly-decorated bottle of isotonic mouthwash placed neatly inside one of his smart new go-faster trainthat he emerges in his true and vivid light as one of the game's traditional freemasonry have endangered species, a picaresque rugby wanderer who has never hesitated to swap kitbag for rucksack in hungry pursuit of the unfamiliar.

Rees may relish the physical benefits of professionalism, but he is not at all comfortable with its wider implications. "The camaraderie is drifting away, the characters are being weeded out," he says. "There are things I regret and I'm going to regret them more as time goes on. We're forgetting who we are and where we come from, the things that make us different. Rugby is a special game and the people who play it are special. I can't understand for the life of me this urge to be more like footballers. We'll never be footballers. Rugby players have always had more to offer somehow, but the way things are going, the youngsters will be denied the opportunity to devel-

op other areas of their lives." If that sounds like the autumnal lament of a sentimentalist in the advanced stages of clusive aspects of rugby's ultra- a week. always rubbed Rees up the professional decision to go and wrong way and he is not the sort to toe the line if he considers the pose the bright thing to do

As Wasps' Gareth Rees prepares for tomorrow's Tetley's Bitter Cup final Chris Hewett finds him hankering after bygone days

it" with a passion bordering on

the devotional. For Rees, the game is the Bitter Cup final with Wasps and the Allied Dunbar Premiership finale against Bath on Sunday week, he will fly home to Canada at his own expense to lead his country in the remainder of the Pacific Rim series. Not only will he play for free, as he has done throughout his 12-year Test career, but he will dip into his pocket to insure himself against injury. He will then continue to raid his bank account to help the Canucks through a tough World Cup qualification tournament in August. Fellow professionals blink at him in astonishment terminal Luddism, think again. after all, few of them would get ers. It is only in conversation Some of the sniffier, more ex- out of bed for less than a grand

do all this," he admits. "I sup-

what he calls "the special spir- mer's rest. I've got another el field. I'd gone into it from a year here at Wasps and if I'm fully professional environment going to keep my place in the thing. After tomorrow's Tetley's to compete successfully with give them a tracksuit to warm up guys like Paul Sampson and Jon in But I'm a good Canadian and

> Rugby is a special game and the people who play it are special. I can't understand this urge to be more like footballers'

younger and run like the wind. "To be frank, I was close to

packing in the international stuff line to be badly drawn. But he would be to look after my ca- Christmas. I just didn't think we packing in Devon with a mate. for the fourth World Cup," he a difficult character to pin makes it his business to defend reer in England by taking a sum- were playing the game on a lev- I knew we were playing at Not- says. "But I can't see myself go- down.

while a lot of my colleagues came first team next season, I'll have from a background that didn't Ufton, who are a whole lot that means I'm used to coping and with a few minutes left, I with the obstacles life puts in

> cup final, a 25-17 defeat at the hands of a vintage Bath side, in glorious technicolor. "Mark touchdown. It was 13-13 and we Rigby, our flanker, picked me up from Harrow School and drove me to Twickenham. I'd have driven myself - I passed a real 'Welcome to Twickers' wards early on and I rememfinal whistle.

"Those were the days. A few when we lost in Ireland before weeks before, I'd gone back-

reason or another, I didn't get back to London until four in the Wasps ground at Sudbury, unrolled my sleeping bag and kipped under the stand. We won, too, but only just. The game was played on a mudheap managed to give Rob Andrew the slip and slide a kick through Typically, he recalls his first to the corner. It just sat there in the sludge, totally still, and Mark Bailey won the race to the

Born in Duncan, on Vanconver Island - "a mill town famous for totem poles, believe my test in Canada at 16 - but it or not" - Rees has enjoyed being a mere sixth-former, my two stints at Wasps as well as funds didn't run to a car. I took spells with his home club, Castaways, the Merignac club in kicking from the Bath for- France and, most recently, Newport. He is an Oxford Blue Eton to teach modern history. ber asking myself: 'Do I stay into the bargain and is one of (He was on the staff until agreenais.

went through on tries."

"Provided I'm fit and able to

tingham in the cup quarter-fi-ing beyond that. I'll be 31 when nal on the Saturday but for one the tournament comes around and I hope for Canada's sake that they won't have to considmorning. I went up to the er a 35-year-old as their standoff for the 2003 competition. As it is, I get far more nervous before big games now than I used to. I'd be a wreck. "My decision to come back

to Wasps has worked far better than I could have imagined. though. I'm enjoying life at full-back - the positional switch gave me something new to bite on, a fresh challenge - and after winning the league last season, it would be wonderful to say to the supporters and everyone who has put money and effort into the club: 'Look, we've got the cup now. This is for you. Thanks a million."

Assuming Rees uses the 1999 World Cup as his farewell stage, he may well return to rucksack and head for pastures new. As Saracens may discovcontribute, I'll be there next year er to their cost tomorrow, he is

appears to be on the brink

By Chris Hewett

KEVIN BOWRING, the Welsh coach whose acute sense of job insecurity was hardly eased by the leaking of 100-plus points to England and France during the Five Nations' Championship, was dangling by his fingertips last night. The Welsh Rugby Union's general committee met in Cardiff to discuss Bowning's future and insiders were in no hurry to bet on the outcome.

The former London Weish flanker has 18 months left on a contract that takes him through to the 1999 World Cup and it would cost the WRU around £75,000 to ditch him now. However, there is a strong school of thought that Bowring has taken the side as far as he is able.

Dennis John, the respected coach of Pontypridd, would be an obvious candidate for my succession, as would Bob Dwyer, the World Cup-winning Wallaby coach who lost his job at Leicester in such peculiar circumstances in February. With Brian Ashton, once of Bath and more recently of Ireland. also among the unemployed, the Welsh may be tempted to strike before the market dries up.

Meanwhile, Wasps have selected a distinctly rookie-esque side for tomorrow's Tetley's Bitter Cup final with Saracens at Twickenham. Laurence Scrase, Mark Denney, Mike Friday, Joe Worsley and Paul Volley are among a church of inexperienced starters.

Scrase gets the nod over the more rapid Paul Sampson at left wing while centre Denney, a Cambridge Blue this season, replaces the injured Nick Greenstock. The surprise is in the back row, however, where Worsley and Volley will flank Lawrence Dallaglio in a loose combination of immature vintage:

Saracens look more seasoned, thanks to successful fitness tests on player-coach François Piensar and Kyran Bracken. As expected, Michael Lynagh also returns after three weeks of post-surgical recuperation. Uncapped New Zealandown or get up?' I got up, a very select band to have coming terms with Wasps). On the der Brendon Daniel was chosen played on and made it to the peted at all three World Cup fi-other hand, he might re-pack his ahead of Ireland's Richard Wallace on the left wing, the Kiwi's better form tipping the balance.

Luyt stands firm, page 16 Cup final teams, Digest, page 29

Dick excels to take early lead on Bravo

Equestrianism

By Genevieve Murphy at Badminton

DAISY DICK held the lead at the end of yesterday's first day of dressage at the Mitsubishi Badminton Horse Trials but her father. Dave, who won the Grand National in 1956, did not see his 26-year-old daughter's excellent test on Headley Bravo.

"My father didn't come for the dressage; he'd rather watch paint dry," Dick said. "It's probably just as well he hasn't had a chance to see the fences. He'd rather go round Aintree backwards than jump here." Dick, who finished seventh

last year on the same horse, is 0.8 points ahead of another Briton, 18-year-old Ruth Friend from Cumbria. She is the youngest of the 80 competitors but had a relaxed and fluent test on her 10-year-old mount lee Dancer II on her first visit to the Duke of Beaufort's estate.

Terry Boon, also from Britain, is third on Marsh Warbler, fractionally ahead of Karen Reuter from the United States on Nightlife IV. Next comes Ireland's 1995 European champion. Lucy Thompson, on Welton Romance, with the 1996 Olympic victor, Blyth Tait, close behind in equal sixth on Aspyring.

Tait will be on his winning Olympic mount, Ready Teddy. when he reappears in the dressage arena this afternoon, not long after his New Zealand compatriot, Mark Todd, who rides Broadcast News with whom he won the European Open title last year.

Despite all the rain which fell in April, event director, Hugh Thomas, says the going on the formidable 32-fence cross-country course is "as good as it has ever been".

Wasim's winning assault

Cricket

By Jon Culley at Trent Bridge

Lancashire 298-5 Nottinghamshire 240 Lancashire win by 58 runs

LANCASHIRE gave themselves a fighting chance of qualifying from Group A of the Benson and Hedges Cup with a comfortable victory made possible by an explosion of runs from Wasim Akram, whose unbeaten 89 transformed his side's innings.

The former Pakistan captain helped Lancashire score 117 off their final 10 overs, finishing with an astonishing sequence that brought him 56 runs from 14 balls faced, including 46

Cricket scoreboard

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The construction workers milling about in front of the Radcliffe Road grandstand were grateful for their beadgear as two straight sixes off Alex Wharf sailed into the hard hat zone but there was possibly a greater need for protection on the upper deck of the Parr Stand, which Wasim hit three times in the last over as Andy Oram got the treatment.

John Crawley and Andrew Flintoff had given the innings substance by putting on 91 for the second wicket, Flintoff contributing a lusty 46 and Crawley, let off on three when Jason Gallian - his former Old Trafford team-mate - spilled a slip catch, building a careful 81 from 114 balls.

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Wasim's innings spanned just 43 balls, containing six sixes and eight fours. It was his best score in the B&H and timely too after a middle-order slump.

It left Nottinghamshire needing ro score what would have been their best total in the competition and although they started well, Paul Pollard, well taken by Warren Hegg, and Gallian failed to live up to early promise.

Things really fell apart when Paul Johnson, their captain, undone when Gary Yates found some extra bounce, lobbed a gentle catch to backward point. From 177 for 3, his side crashed rapidly to 203 for 6 as Glen Chapple claimed three wickets in the space of four overs including Mathew Dowman, who complied 82 from 101 balls. Lancashire innings was actu-

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ally about two former international captains, the extraordinary exploits of Wasim having been preceded by another dreadful day for Michael Atherton.

He made no attempt to disguise his disappointment after he was leg-before to Mark Bowen and his trudge back to the pavilion seemed to take up more time than his innings, which lasted four deliveries. So far this season, six Atherton innings have yielded 85 runs.

tonshire tomorrow and with three sides on six points in Group A, qualification may well come down to run-rate. Durham qualified for the

Lancashire play Northamp-

Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals for the first time yesterday when they beat Worcestershire at New Road.

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Group A

Weekes and Fraser steer Middlesex into last eight

at Chelmsford

Essex 233-9 Middlesex 234-6 Middlesex win by four wickets

PAUL WEEKES steered the Middlesex ship back on course vesterday in a match which remained in doubt almost to the end, thanks to some tight Essex bowling in defence of an average target, and some becalmed periods in the Middlesex response.

The prize for winning this Group D fixture was a place in the Benson & Hedges quarterfinals while Essex's fate will depend on run rates and Glamorgan fortunes against Middlesex tomorrow.

dlesex's victory, and Gold Award winner, was a North London club bowler who turns out for Stanmore, and last pulled on a county sweater in 1992 - ironically for Essex.

Alastair Fraser concedes four inches in height to his older brother Angus, but little in length of run-up. He is a lean, brisk performer whose 4 for 45 was comfortably his best return in any county competition. He owes his part-time recall

to Ricky Pay's sudden winter departure, but yesterday Fraser could have been stretchered off before he even got to bowl. In cutting off a straight drive by Nasser Hussain, he brought his shin down on the top of an ad-

The early architect of Mid- vertising board with a fearful crack. Swift treatment soon saw him back on the field.

In most games, Hussain's cultured century would have helped Essex to victory. While Stuart Law was with him, the home side looked capable of batting the visitors out of the game. But once the first-change bowler, Richard Johnson, removed the Australian, the middle order tumbled and it took a late flurry organised by Neil Williams for Essex to post a decent score.

Keith Brown, the captain Mark Ramprakash and Jason Pooley kept the Middlesex score rolling early on, but in the end the visitors needed all but seven balls of their allocation as Weekes eased them home.

Wells shows way with style his first Gold Award in the Ben-

By David Llewellyn at Southampton

Kent 246-6; Hampshire [2] Kent win by 125 runs.

CRICKET'S fairground belonged to Kent yesterday. They bogged the swings, the roundabouts, the coconut shy and the duck shoot, leaving hapless Hampshire to the ups and

downs - chiefly the latter - of the roller-coaster. Hampshire's batting in particular was woeful. While the pitch proved less than beloful, it was the playable side of awkward all day, as Alan Wells demonstrated with his highest score in any competition for Kent as they trounced Hampshire with

more than 12 overs to spare. Wells, in his second season at Canterbury after 16 years at Sussex, mastered the conditions and the attack as he com-

batting (unfortunately Hampshire paid no heed to it) and kept last year's finalists on course to reach the knock-out 3 for 33. James had helped put stages of this year's competition.

They found Dean Headley and Ben Phillips too hot to handle when they set about chasing the target. The loss of four wickets in the space of four overs and then finding themselves reduced to 33 for 5 put victory out the Kent innings, which began of reach. Only wicketkeeper Adrian Aymes got his head down but, without a cavalier at the other end to blast away, his was a hopeless task. After the two pacemen there was the miserly Carl Hooper (2 for 28 off 10 overs) and Matthew

Fleming (2 for 19) to cope with. Kevan James was just beginning to fire when he sliced an intended drive off Matthew

Phillips, running from deep third son & Hedges Cup. His 106-ball man held on to the catch close to deep backward point. It rounded off a fine day for the 23year-old Phillips, who finished with 3 for 13, while Headley took on 40 with Aymes but Hampshire had clearly acknowledged the chase as Mission Impossible and duly pressed the self-destruct button. Aymes remained unbeaten on 46 at the sorry end.

It was all such a contrast with slowly but ended in a rush as their captain, Steve Marsh, in particular, brought late impenis to the run-rate. In addition to Wells' magnificent contribution there was another half-century from Trevor Ward, his second in successive Cup innings. That was a more circumspect compilation, but the various component parts of Kent's effort. piled an unbeaten 111 to earn Fleming into the deep where than Hampshire could muster.

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Hoddle's lessons from to smile the Wenger handbook

Football

By Nick Harris

GLENN HODDLE revealed yesterday the extent to which he was influenced to pursue a career in management by the Arsenal manager, Arsène Wenger. Speaking to a group of Lon-

don-based overseas journalists at the Foreign Press Association, the England coach said: "To be quite honest I had no thoughts of staying in football as a coach before I went to Monaco to play."

Hoddle, who went to Monaco in 1987 and experienced two years as a player under Wenger's management, added: "It was whilst I was there that I saw a different approach to the game - in many aspects, from the media to supporters to the

By Rupert Metcalf

IT WAS a bad day for Second

Division managers yesterday

with, as well as Ray Wilkins at

and Billy Bonds losing their jobs.

Oldham Athletic by mutual

consent. Having arrived at

Boundary Park too late last sea-

son to save them from relega-

tion from the First Division, he

endured another struggle this

term following the imposition of

a club "with more potential,"

adding: "I'm looking for a fresh

challenge and hopefully I can

get someone promoted." He has

been linked with Bradford City

and one of his many former

clubs, Plymouth Argyle, but

Stoke City is perhaps a more

Millwall, whose chairman, Theo

Paphitis, explained the decision

by saying that Bonds' playing

and managerial experience at a

higher level - with West Ham

of Millwall's modest standing.

The Lions ended the campaign

Non-League notebook

By Rupert Metcalf

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to most informed observers.

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IA CONFERENCE PLAY-OFFS Second and (best-of-seven series): Charlotte 7

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Warnock is now looking for

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The itinerant Warnock left

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you - which was more on a then, in 1996, took over as the bers of the greatest-ever Eurowavelength that I was tuned to.

"And to be honest he Wenger] saw something in me that I didn't see at the time in myself and he mentioned it to me. He thought that I could go on to be a coach and then it started me thinking. And so I started to look at football a little bit differently."

Hoddle went on to win the French league championship as a Monaco player in 1988, which was the same year that he won his last cap as an England international. A knee injury the following year effectively ended his days as a top-class player, and in 1991, he followed Wenger's advice and became a manager, at Swindon Town.

Having steered Swindon to two promotions (and the Premiership) by the summer of coach and the players around 1993, he moved to Chelsea, and

just three places above the rel-

national team manager. Hoddle said yesterday that

he had been influenced especially by Wenger's measured management style. "The balance in his team, the preparation and the alternative situations that were given to the players off the pitch and on the nitch," said Hoddle, were all things he was impressed by. "If you're successful, 50 per cent, if not more, comes from what happens off the pitch. You need good players but if you've got the same good players as the next coach it's the preparation and the focus that are more important. And this is something Arsène has been very strong

Meanwhile yesterday, England's 1966 World Cup heroes Bobby Moore and Sir Bobby Charlton were named as mem-

pean team. Some 130 journalists from across the Continent voted for the only Englishman to lift the Jules Rimet trophy and the man whose semi-final double against Portugal allowed Sir Alf Ramsey's side to reach that famous showdown with West Germany.

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Fellow '66 veteran Gordon Banks missed out on a place in the team, edged out by Russia's legendary goalkeeper Lev Yashin, while Jimmy Greaves, Denis Law, George Best and Duncan Edwards were also among those who failed to gain selection.

Moore and Charlton were, however, joined in the side by their 1966 opponents Franz Beckenbauer and Eusebio, Hungary's Magyar genius Ferenc Puskas, and the epitome of total football, Johan Cruvff.

Irish youngsters on verge of history

By Ken Gaunt

Norwich City, who parted company with Mike Walker for the second time this week, are Fulham, both Neil Warnock expected to offer their managerial vacancy to Nigel Spackman, formerly in charge at Sheffield United. The former Norwich de-

fender, Kevin Bond, has left his job as manager of Stafford "The nation is agog at our Rangers to join Portsmouth as assistant to Alan Ball. Kevin Drinkell, another ex-Norwich player, has been dismissed as manager of Stirling Albion. Walter Smith, who steps

down as manager of Rangers next week, has unexpectedly agreed to work under his successor, Dick Advocaat, as reserve and youth team coach at Ibrox. Chris Nicholl, the former Southampton and Northern likely destination. Oldham's Ireland defender, has taken player-coach, Andy Ritchie, is charge of Northern Ireland's re-

Tivvy have chance to prove their class

tipped to replace Warnock. formed Under-21 side. given a free transfer to their long-serving forward, Brian Mc-Clair, after 11 years at Old Trafford, "I want to keep playing. I feel I've got two good years left in me yet," the 34year-old said. "Basically I am open to offers."

Vase final, Trvvy lost 1-0 to big-

spending Bridlington Town. No

fewer than six of that side will

be in their squad tomorrow:

Kevin and Jason Smith, Steve

All have played a part in the

Daly, Neil Saunders, Phil Eve-

Devon side's extraordinary sea-

son in the Screwfix Direct West-

ern League, which they won by

winning 36 and drawing two of

their 38 matches, scoring 154

goals and piling up 110 points.

Russell Musker, the manager of

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rett and Steve Hynds.

THE eyes of Ireland and much

of Europe will be on the Republic's Under-16 side tonight when they face Italy in the European Championship final. Such is the interest in the match that RTE as well as Eurosport are screening the game live from Mo-Diarmid Park, Perth, at 7pm.

progress," said their coach, Brian Kerr. "It would be amazing if we won. No team from the Republic has ever got near a European final, so this is an incredible achievement. This will be a unique and

historic day in the history of Irish football and I am very proud of all of them. We are there on merit as well. Our success is based on the fact that we blend our traditional commitment with good technical ability.

adv beaten the holders, Spain, and Portugal. "I would expect Italy to play their normal national game.

They are good at defending. quick on the break and dangerous in front of goal."

Under the flamboyant coach,

Taunton Town, runners-up in the

Screwfix and semi-final losers to

Tow Law in the Vase, believes

that Tiverton would beat Tow

Law in nine out of 10 matches.

The County Durham side

will, of course, be trying to

prove him wrong. Tow Law are

making their first visit to Wem-

bley - a far cry from their Iron-

works ground. Purchased from

the National Coal Board in

1966, it has been their home for

over a century and is the high-

est football ground in England.

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top scorers in the tournament with 11 goals in five matches. Their key players are Atalanta's Samuele Dalla Bona and Gaetano d'Agostino of Roma.

In Tuesday's semi-finals, the Republic defeated Portugal 2-0 and Italy beat the defending champions, Spain, 2-1. Portugal and Spain meet

for third place at Stirling this afternoon. The Portuguese squad includes the youngest player in the tournament, 14-year-old Lourenco of Sporting Lisbon. Germany's Oliver Bierhoff

and his team-mate Matthias Sammer are struggling to be fit for the World Cup. Bierhoff, who scored two

goals in the Euro 96 final, is cutting short his season with the Italian club Udinese after suffering an injury to help his bid for a World Cup place.

"I think we must be in with Player of the Year Sammer has of a movie star, but the assema good chance in the final as we. said he has "given up hope" of bled crawd were there to witries of knee operations. Germany's coach, Berti

Vogts, has given Sammer until May 30 to prove his fitness but, after five knee operations, the most recent in October last year, the 30-year-old's chances Antonio Rocca, the Italians are appear to be slim.

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Two Spaniards, Miguel Angel Martin and Santiago Lufia, lead the Turespaña Masters/Balearic Open in Majorca with opening rounds of 67, five-under-par. The problems of Save Ballesteros continued as he went round in 75.

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Golf

Newcastle inside-forward.

ONE would have expected the One World Cup battle will be fought in began with rousing orchestral the high street. Melanie Rickey reports

> stripe sports clothing and, more Game over. importantly, the "contracted symbols" who wear it that Adidas are pinning their hopes on to bring in the money.

Ray Stubbs, the compere of the event, was the man to put the searching questions. "So, Jürgen," he asked. "How have you found your new Adidas Predator Accelerators?"

"Well, Ray, there has been great progress since the Predators were launched a few years ago. They give me a good feeling with the ball, especially with quick movements," he replied. Thanks, Jürgen. I couldn't see the script from where I was standing.

Ince said they were much thinner than the last Predators. Gazza didn't talk about them at all. He chatted briefly about how he might have to go to. McDonald's for a scratchcard to get his tickets for World Cup

matches. Afterwards all five players walked off for a photocall holding the boots in their hands and

Accelerator, associated three- posing cheesily for the cameras.

Ultimately, of course, Adidas hope these boots will become the next schoolboy (and grown-up schoolboy) "musthave" item in the "football chic" wars against Nike, Umbro and their other would-be

> The price tag of £120 is unlikely to put off potential buyers. Accelerators have already been placed in some carefully chosen football stores. Nigel Conway, proprietor of Soccer Scene on Carnaby Street in London, has already sold out of his first batch. "I can't believe kids can afford to spend £120 on a pair of football boots," he said. They can if David Beckham - Adidas' star "brand symbol" - wears them.

> Adidas would have us believe the boots can turn an average player into a great one. As we all know, however, Beckham and company could probably score in a pair of baseball boots if they were paid enough money to wear them.

up exits Rugby League By Dave Hadfield

TWO of Super League's more recognisable figures are set to leave the stage with Barrie-Jon Mather switching to rugby union and Adam Fogerty being written out of the script at Warrington.

Mather has confirmed he is to join Sale at the end of his contract with Castleford in December. The 6ft 7in former Wigan and Perth centre has agreed a three-and-a-half year contract that Cas were unable to match.

. Meanwhile, Fogerty - star of The Full Monty and various soap operas - has decided that he has no further role to play at Wilderspool. The former Halifax and St Helens prop has played just a handful of games for Warrington and has been released after talks with the club's coach, Darryl Van de Velde. By way of compensation, Van de Velde has the injuryblighted Mark Hilton back after a second shoulder reconstruction for Sunday's game against Halifax, who will have John Bentley in their side for the first time since last summer.

Unbeaten Leeds have Richie Blackmore back from playing for New Zealand and Dean Lawford recovered from an ankle injury for tonight's match at the London Broncos. The London coach, Tony Currie, has promised a continuing improvement in his side's form and has recalled Nick Mardon and Darren Higgins after injury.

Super League has called a meeting with Hull, following "unacceptable behaviour" by a section of fans during the match against Bradford 12 days ago.

"We shall be discussing ways to eliminate what is plainly unacceptable behaviour from a section of the Boulevard crowd," said Super League's managing director, Maurice Lindsay.

Kuerten back to form for title defence

GUSTAVO KUERTEN is beginning to make his presence felt on red clay as he prepares to defend his French Open title later this month. Kuerten overcame a brief second-set lapse to beat Hicham Arazi 6-1. 4-6. 6-2 and reach the quarter-finals of the German Open in Hamburg yesterday.

Thomas Muster, a former French Open champion, also breezed into the quarter-finals, beating German qualifier Jens Knippschild 6-1, 6-4 in 53 minutes, but the 1989 winner Michael Chang, the 11th seed, lost 6-3, 6-7, 6-2 to Franciso Clavet in a second-round match.

Greg Rusedski, the British No 1, is through to the third round after beating Emilio Alvarez in three sets. Rusedski, the second seed, beat his Spanish opponent 7-6, 0-6, 6-3 yesterday morning. The match was held over from Wednesday with Rusedski leading 3-2 in the third set. He was due to face Goran Ivanisevic last night.

In a battle between two Spanish clay-court specialists, the ninth-seeded Felix Mantilla staged an amazing comeback to beat Alberto Berasategui 1-6, 7-6, 7-6. Berasategui wasted 13 match points as he lost a 5-1 lead in the second set.

TODAY'S NUMBER

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The number of goals scored in Wednesday's Major League Soc-cer game in Pasadena. Los An-geles Galaxy's 7-4 win over Colorado Rapids was a League aggregate record, and Galaxy's score was a record by one cuts. Their former Coventry striker, Colyl long scored a potition. Cobi Jones, scored a hat-trick.

Boot that spells loot in football's style wars

Paul Gascoigne does his duty at Waterloo Station yesterday

announcement of the decade. It

music and the type of build-up But the former European usually reserved for the arrival football boot. Paul Ince, Paul Gascoigne,

Graeme Le Saux, Marc Overmars and Jürgen Klinsmann were on hand yesterday in the unlikely setting of London's Waterloo Station to sing its praises, but before they uttered their paid-for patter a gravellyvoiced announcer gave us some apparently helpful statistics. "Thirty-two teams, 64 match-

es, 704 players, 12,000 volunteers, 2.5 million fans, 500 million viewers per game, 37 billion total viewers..." Yes? "And We were hardly breathless. 'One brand. Adidas." We thought it was about a

game involving a ball and 11 men, but Adidas seem to think that football - and, moreover, the World Cup - is about them. True, they are a sponsor

and designed the official World Cup match ball "with its unique syntactic foam", but it's the boot, oops, sorry, the Predator

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Rugby League The Hull prop. Jason Temu, has failed in an appeal against a three-match ban for a high tackle in their game against Bradford.

Rugby Union

Keith Wood will tour South Africa with Ireland this summer. The hooker orig-inally asked not to be considered but he has made himself available for all but the first two matches of the tour after Newcastle's Ross Nasdale with-draw because of a recurring ankle injury, which will require surgery. Scotlands third match of their tour to

Australia and Fiji has been changed. They will now play a New South Wales Country XV at Carrington Park, Bethurst, on 2 June.

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WHITEREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE
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Sik Cut (Sig) +385; 8 Chessie Racing (US)
+40; 9 Swedish Match (Swe) +555. Tennis

A drive straight down the middle paid dividends yesterday as Merit Cup took the lead on the eighth leg of the Whitbread Race. Grant Dalton has almost five miles advantage over Paul Standbridge's Toshiba, and these two had opened a 20-mile gep on the chasing group.

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Today's fixtures Football

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MEM'S PUTURES TOURHAMENT (Curdit): First round: N Gould (GS) bt D Sapslard (GS) 6-2 4-6 6-2. Second round: B Elwood (Aus) bt T Sprints (GS) 8-6 2 6-7; R Carbotta (Bal) bt D Draper (GS) 8-2 6-7; R Carbotta (Bal) bt D Draper (GS) 8-2 6-7; R Carbotta (Fr) bt F Jonson (Sw) 6-6 2-1; H F Carbotta (GS) bt J Paquery (Fr) 6-2 2-75; A Person (GS) bt J Paquery (Pr) 6-2 2-75; A Person (GS) bt J Sharwood (GS) 5-7 4-6-8-2; N Gould (GS) bt J Dalgado (GS) 5-7 4-6-8-2; N Gould (GS) bt J Dalgado (GS) 6-3 6-0.

EUROPEAN UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIP Finat Republic of Ireland v Italy (70) (at Mo-Diarmid Park, Parth). Third-fourth place play-off: Portugal v Spain (20) (at Forthbank stackum, Sidding). CHRUS MORRIS TESTIMONIAL: Middles-brough v Nortingham Forest (745).

JJB SPORTS SUPER LEAGUE: London

BASKETBALL: Besistlest 98 international tournament (at NEC, Blammgham), BOUESTRIANISM: Bedminton Horse Triels (at Badminton, Glaucs).

Racing results

CHESTER 2.10: 1. STAR INVADER (J. Reid) 19-2; Jedn-Creeke 16-1: 3. Anterotic Storm (; 4. Nomore Mr. Niceguy 4-1 lax 16 sts. str. hd. (M. Stoute, Newmarker), Tota: 10; £290; £390, £320, £160. Dual Fore-te £22210 Committer Straight Forecast 10; £290, £390, £320, £160. Dual Foratt £ £220. Computer Straight Forecast. 28 Tricast £17400. Trio: £8470. Folding a steward inquiry, Community who first and Albert The Bear who finished 1, were disqualified. 2.40: 1. PROLIX (0) Hollings

1.10: 1. STRIETAREZ (K Darley) 25-1; 2 o Sky 10-1; 2. Memorine 4-1.6 ran. 12-8 Reddridge (4th) nk. /h. (Miss Venetic arms, Hieratord). Tota: £3130; £550, 10. DF: £8330. GSF. £21170. .40: 1. WESTCOURT MAGIC (Limited) 9-2; 2. Ziggy's Dancer 9-4 fav; 1-6 Gay Fox 7-1.8 ran. rik, nd. (M W Easter Sheriff Hutton). Tota: £540; £20, £10; £5592. Tito: £510. Non Runner: Sur. of Prantum.

4.10: 1. DAMALIS (K Palon) 13-8 fav; 2. Kalitimas 9-4; 3. Paular's Joy 6-1. 10 ran. nk, 1½, (E Aston, Longton) Take 1280; 5120, 2150, 2200. DF: 2230. CSF: 2538. Tho: 21070. 4.40: 1. DOMAPPEL (I Wester) 12-1; 2. Kinneacash 6-1; 3. Polar Prospect 4-1 11 mm. 7-2 fav Temptess (bh), shi ht. 2h. (Mrs. J.Coc.), Newmarkst), Tota: Cycl.; 52-00, 12-26, 52-50, DC: 633-20. CSF: 677:9. Tricast: 531630. This: 0.4000. Non Rumers: Indigo I me, The Butterwick KId. Jackpot: £15,435.20 (part won, pool of £15,65.17 to Lingfield today). Placepot: £905.80, Guadpot: £175.70. Place 6: £164.24. Place 5: £434.48. Time, The Butterwick Kld.

HAMILTON

2.00: 1. INIOTIY HILL (Miss Nicola Craggs) 5-2 fav; 2. Robellion 13-2; 3. Shylish Ways 7-2; 13 ran, shi hi, 1½. (R Crag-gs) Tole: 9480; 5:80, 5200, 5380 DF: 5210 CSF; 57770, Thic: 52100: NF: Kidde Lat 2.30: 1. SERGEANT YORK (G Duffield) 13-1: 2. Bloom of Lores 0.4 fave; 2. Department 10-1; 2. Riog of Love 9-4 far; 3. Dynamic Darteer 4-2. 7 ran. ½, 8. (C Smith). Total 22240; \$490, \$130, DF: \$4340, \$55: \$3199. 3.00: 1, BREYDON (O Pears) 11-1; 2.

Forty Love 5-1; 3. Shuttlecock 16-1.9 ran-11-8 fas Lucy Tufty (8th). Sta Ind. Va. (P. Mon-tain). The £12:25, £190 £140 £5/10 £1-52:290. CSF: 582:28 Tricsas £820.26 fb; £5640. 3.30: 1. FRENCH CONNECTION (J. 3.30: 1. FRENCH CONNECTION (CARON 9-2; 2. Lemon Bridge 3-1; 3. Repile event fax 5 ran. ½, 8. U Berry), Totas 2500; 2290, £190. DF: 5290. CSF: £658.
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\$4150. NR: Winston.
430: 1. HEISTY THE HAWK (A Carl) 4-1;
2. Ballengrae Boy 9-4 far; 3. Biff-Em 12-1;
11 ran. 1, 31/s. (M Dods). Tota: \$380; \$170, \$180, \$280. DF: \$790. CSP: \$13/B. Tricast: \$2011. This: \$2800. NRs: Pallum, Ragtime Council Your. Couget, Yern. Placepot: \$218.30. Quadpot: \$32.40. Place 6: \$128.57. Place 5: \$88.76.

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2.50: 1. KILLARNEY JAZZ (A McCarthy) 13-8 fav; 2. Spring Bencon 6-1: 3. Steep Mon-loy 15-2. 8 rán. 3%, 5. (A Litimoden). Totae 5-10; E10; E330; E10; DF: E300; C5F; E506. 3.20: 1. KAYO (F Cochrane). 5-1; 2. Ko-masta 25-1; 3. See Ya Malta 10-1, 14 ran. 7.4. fav. Kares Albano. 2%, 1/2, 07. Shbor. TI-4 few Kass Alhaws. 21/4, 11/4. (T Ether-Ington). Total: 5480; 52.40, 518.70, 5310. DF: 521630. CSF: 58134. Theast: 515438. Trice not wort, 525969 to Lingfield 3.50 today. not work, 5328199 fo Lingfield 350 today, 3,50: 1, JACKIES? BARSY (7 Sprains) 2-1 fey; 2. Peache 14-1; 3. Erimyele 10-1 11 ran. 5, 2, W Turner, 10ter, 2250; E150, 5400; E520, DF: 2500; CSF: 54128, Trice; E150, 5400; E520, CSF: 54128, Trice; E150, 5400; E520, E520,

ni, Piccolo Cativo. 4.50: 1. PHARAOH'S JOY IP P Murchyl 14-1; 2. Super Gell 14-1; 3. Pizzicato 5-1. 12 rm. 9-2 izv Another Beschworth, 2/s, 1/c. (A Newcombe). Tate: £1840; £550, £660, £200, DF. £7450, CSF: £19308. Tricast: 2104646. The: £24890. Placepot: £12130. Quedpot: £3650. Place 6: £17360. Place 5: £12949.

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ON WEDNESDAY IT WAS THEM.

Draw date: 6/5/98. The winning numbers: 6, 7, 14, 19, 22, 27. Bonus number: 9. Total Sales: £29,157,117. Prize Fund: £13,120,702 (45% of ticket sales). Match 6 (Jackpot) £2,955,369 £2,955,369 Match 5 £568,260 Match 4 43,574 743,730 Match 3 £7.437.300 £13,090,326

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(B.Hila, Lambourn). Rote: \$330, DR: \$220.

2.10: 1. STREYARDER.



Football

By Nick Harris

THE ENGLAND coach, Glenn Hoddle, spoke out in defence of Alan Shearer yesterday and said that he was "100 per cent confident" that the England striker would not deliberately kick an opponent in the face.

The Football Association announced on Wednesday that Shearer would face a misconduct charge after apparently kicking Leicester City's Neil

Hoddle yesterday appealed to the FA to hold any disciplinary hearing "as soon as possible" so that the matter can be cleared up in advance of this summer's World Cup and his prized striker can concentrate on the tournament.

The England coach added that he had no doubt that the incident in which Shearer appeared to kick Lennon was an accident. "I have spoken to Alan Shearer at length over recent

Premiership match on 29 April. the incident he was involved in during last week's match at Leicester on several occasions.

"As a result, I am 100 per cent sure what happened was accidental. My personal opinion from the start has been that it was accidental. I don't accept Alan would deliberately intend to harm a fellow professional."

Lennon, Shearer's legs became tangled with the Leicester playkicked the grounded player in Any suspension imposed by taken personally by Graham by the FA's handling of the

Shearer has insisted the kick was not deliberate and that television replays made the incident look worse than it was.

If found guilty by the FA disciplinary committee, Shearer could be heavily fined or suspended for several League marches next season, but he remains free to play in Newcas-After being tackled by tle's remaining games this season, including the FA Cup final on 16 May against Arseer and, when he turned, he nal, as well as the World Cup.

"As far as the England team is concerned, we hope the matter will be brought to a conclusion as soon as possible," Hoddle said. "Alan Shearer's reputation and record over on his behalf," the FA said. many years have been impeccable. It's time now for events to run their course and for everyone who wants success in France to get off his back."

The decision to call Shearer before an FA commission was

that Alan Shearer receives the follest opportunity to explain to a commission what happened and, if necessary, call witnesses

days to respond and, depending upon his response, it will be decided when and how to proceed.

The England striker seems certain to ask for a personal hearing, as he has been angered

Lennon in the head during a days," he said. "I have watched the face with his left foot, the FA would take effect next Kelly, the chief executive of the case. "I fully understand the charging him. "It has become a premiership match on 20 A-11 days," he said. "I have watched the face with his left foot, the FA would take effect next Kelly, the chief executive of the FA. "Graham Kelly believes it need for all players to be treatis in the interests of the game ed equally by the FA, but I am disappointed that there is apparently nothing in the FA's rules which enables a player to state his case prior to an announcement like this being However, Shearer has 14 made," he said. "I am totally confident that I will eventually prove to everyone that the in-

cident was not intentional." Lennon has criticised the FA had to put up with all the pubfor their delay in deciding to bring Shearer before a Lancaster Gate hearing and in

farce in taking so long for any decision to be made," the Leicester player said. "If the referee and linesman had acted in the right way at the time in dealing with what was a sending-off offence, then what has gone on since would have been unnecessary. That's where I have sympathy with Alan. If it hadn't been him, he would not have

licity that has followed." Hoddle's debt to Wenger,

by

Wasim Akram just makes it home as Nottinghamshire's Wayne Noon attempts a run-out during Lancashire's B&H Cup victory at Trent Bridge yesterday

disappointing news," the 28-

bounces Warne out of Ashes

Cricket

By Nick Duxbury

ENGLAND look to have been spared the attentions of Shane Warne next winter after surgery on the Australian leg spinner's shoulder yesterday revealed serious damage that could take up

to 12 months to repair. The injury to the right bowl-

ing shoulder of the most prolific 11 months recuperation. "It's spinner in Test history was far worse than expected and could have been career-threatening had Warne attempted to play

rotator cuff and cartilage, which required immediate reconstruction. Warne's arm will be in a sling for four to six

year-old Warne said. "It's worse than we had hoped, but I will just have to do all the any more cricket. right things from now on to get Doctors discovered a torn

"If I have to put most of my life on hold, then I'll do that. But it's not going to be easy, especially on my wife and daughter." Warne, who has taken 313 weeks and he then faces five to

wickets in 67 Tests at an average of 24.78, stands to miss the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, Australia's tour of Pakistan in September, the Ashes series against Alec Stewart's visiting England in November and the tour to West

Indies next February. "The doctors told me that if the rehabilitation goes well.

better than brand new, so covered before returning to there's no reason why I the fray. "If Shane's out for a couldn't have another five year, then that's the case." he years playing for Australia, as long as my form is good enough," said Warne, who struggled through Australia's Australia's front-line attack and recent tour of India, where a

fall aggravated the injury. Geoff Marsh, the Australian coach, declared that it was im-

said. "He's played in a lot of pain for 12 months."

The setback further weakens again raises the question of overuse. Pacemen Glenn Mc- | are. Grath and Jason Gillespie missed most of last summer with the shoulder will eventually be perative that Warne fully re- stomach and back complaints.

Keegan takes full command

By Phil Shaw

KEVIN KEEGAN could be leading Fulham out in a Wembley final, just nine days after his previous employers compete for the FA Cup there. The former Newcastle manager put himself in charge of the Second Division side yesterday after ending Ray Wilkins' reign as manager over "a difference of opinion".

Wilkins had been preparing Fulham - who are owned by Mohammed Al Fayed - for tomorrow's first leg of the play-off semi-final at home to Grimsby. A terse statement from Craven Cottage then announced the termination of his contract "with immediate effect".

It added that Keegan, nominally Fulham's chief operating officer, would take responsibility for the team in their forthcoming games. No reasons were given for one former England captain replacing another, and the statement ended: "No further comment will be made by either party."

But the timing of the change 48 hours before Fulham's biggest match since they narrowly missed promotion to the top division in 1981 - raised the possibility of a personality clash. It soon transpired that the duo had disagreed over what Keegan termed "the playing side", leading to his asserting seniority and asking Wilkins to leave

In an interview with Club-Call, Keegan said: "When Ray took the job he knew that ultimately I had to make those final decisions on football, and was responsible for it to Mr Fayed. We had a sensible meeting between two guys who've known each other a very long time and also were good friends, and still

"We've had to part company because we've had a difference. of opinion. I don't want to go into the oobs and ashs of that (but) Ray's a very nice guy who listened to what I'd got to say and had his opinion.

"At the end we realised we'd come to a point where one of us had to go. I could step in and take over until the end of the season. It's not like I'm coming in cold - I know all the players and signed them along with Pay, and I've been to every match bar one, when I was watching a

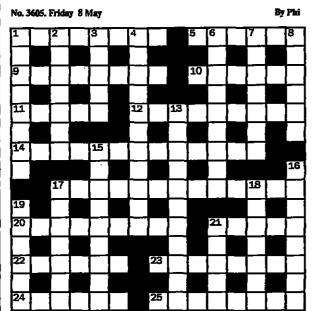
Keegan said he had received a "fantastic response" in training yesterday. Wilkins, meanwhile, restricted himself to a brief comment: "It's very sad but I can't say too much more at the moment. It's a delicate matter and all I want to do now is wish the players the best of luck."

Keegan's decision to take a more hands-on approach follows three successive defeats which saw Fulham scrape into the play-offs in sixth place. The team stood 11th when they arrived last September after Al

Payed dismissed Micky Adams. Fulham spent £7m on players in the ensuing eight months, so it is likely that their owner anticipated a smoother start to his five-year plan to make Chelsea's under-achieving neighbours "the Manchester United of the south".

Wilkins' exit, two years after he lost his job at nearby Queen's Park Ranegers, revived speculation that Raud Gullit may be lined up for a return to west London. However, a spokesman for his management company said: "He knows nothing in the world about the English Second Division. There's just no chance of it happening."

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- recall me! (5) Make a new deal: note and agree it after a wrangle (11)

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Coulthard confident of coping with rivals

Motor racing By Derick Allsop

in Barcelona

IF IT comes down to temperament, you sense it would be no contest. David Coulthard is as likely to lose his head in the domestic duel with Mika Hakkinen as Des Lynam would be perplexed by a missing cue card.

Championship points may be won in the mind as well as on the track these coming months and Coulthard is unsurprisingly self-assured that he will cope with the psychological challenge. The balance shifted when

Coulthard won at Imola, a fortnight ago, and climbed to within three points of his McLaren-Mercedes team-mate. Victory in Sunday's Spanish Grand Prix would take the 27year-old Scotsman to the top of the standings and, crucially, undermine the Finn's confidence.

Coulthard, conscious of the opportunity, said last night: "I hope my temperament may give me the edge over Mika. I've got to look for his weaknesses and play on that.

The last two races have helped a lot. I think he probably felt he would remain quicker but that hasn't happened. His strength is that he has usually

been quicker than his teammate but what has happened in the last two races might gnaw at his self-belief and I've got to keep doing that. The important thing is to keep on top of him. We are so close it could go either way."

in Argentina and his lights-toflag win in the San Marino out there. People shouldn't Grand Prix have given the championship an entirely different complexion. There remains, however, an-

other dimension to this series and Coulthard is aware a McLaren squabble could be exploited by Michael Schumacher. The German, driving an inferior Ferrari, is only three points further back, and his team promise imminent improvements to the car. Schumacher's team-mate,

Eddie Irvine, emphasised the danger to the McLaren pair, saying: "I think Michael has a very realistic chance of the championship. The McLaren drivers are taking points off each other. Our start hasn't been as bad as it might have been, but we certainly need to improve."

Coulthard countered: "If we are finishing one and two, then we are taking points off Michael. It's only a problem if he beats one of us.

tually force McLaren to concentrate their efforts on one of their drivers. Coulthard is optimistic he can avoid such an elimination, but would prefer it not to come to that.

"I want to race fair and Coulthard's superior speed square," he said. "Formula One races should be about a battle view it as Michael against the two of us, but the three of us."

Coulthard extended his call for a level playing field by suggesting that if, in the future, he were to partner Schumacher, he would not care to accept No 2 status, as Irvine has, "I believe I deserve to race

on an equal footing with anyone. I've proved my speed and that I can win races. People probably feel Mika is naturally quicker, but I say please look at the performances."

Coulthard says he knows this circuit better than Silverstone, such has been the team's test programme here, and McLaren, again, start the weekend as favourites. Williams patently do not expect a significant improvement, with Heinz-Harald Frentzen saying: "We should be in better shape in the next races, but here we have to bite on the problem we

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